



## Heat and humidity grip East Coast as Midwest gets reprieve

By PHILIP MARCELO

**BOSTON (AP)** — The East Coast on Sunday sweated through another day of extreme heat and humidity as organizers in Boston canceled a benefit run, Delaware Civil War reenactors got the day off and the New York Police Department implored residents to take it easy.

"Sunday has been canceled," the NYPD jokingly tweeted. "Stay indoors, nothing to see here. Really, we got this."

The central part of the country, meanwhile, enjoyed some relief as a cold front moved steadily southward and eastward across the country, bringing down the temperatures. But the cooler weather settling in Monday and Tuesday is also bringing severe storms packed with powerful winds and heavy rains that have already caused damage in the Midwest.

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Alex Paladino cools off at the Eakins Oval fountain in Philadelphia on Sunday, July 21, 2019.

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## Nadler: Mueller hearing to air evidence of Trump wrongdoing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Judiciary Committee chairman said Sunday that this week's hearing with Robert Mueller will air "very substantial evidence" of wrongdoing by President Donald Trump and make a public case for impeachment. Republicans pledged sharp questioning of the special counsel about what they see as a "one-sided" Russia investigation.

Days before back-to-back hearings Wednesday, both sides seemed to agree that Mueller's testimony could be pivotal in shifting public opinion on the question of "holding the president accountable."

"This is a president who has violated the law 6 ways from Sunday," said the committee's chairman, Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y. He argued that Mueller's report lays out "very substantial evidence" that Trump is guilty of "high crimes and misdemeanors," the constitutional standard for impeachment.

"We have to present — or let Mueller present — those facts to the American people ... because the administration must be held accountable and no president can be above the law," Nadler said.

The House Judiciary Committee and the House Intelligence Committee will question Mueller in separate hearings on his 448-page report released in April. While the report did not find sufficient evidence to establish charges of criminal conspiracy between



House Judiciary Committee Chair Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., walks to the House Chamber, Tuesday, July 16, 2019, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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the Trump campaign and Russia to swing the election, it said Trump could not be cleared of trying to obstruct the investigation. But Mueller believed Trump couldn't be indicted in part because of a Justice Department opinion against prosecuting a sitting president.

Mueller has said he doesn't intend to speak beyond the findings of the report in congressional hearings.

Still, Democrats on the Judiciary Committee plan to focus on a narrow set of episodes laid out in the report to direct Americans' attention to what they see as the most egregious examples of Trump's conduct, which point to obstruction of justice.

The examples include

Trump's directions to then-White House counsel Donald McGahn to have Mueller removed and, later, orders from Trump to McGahn to deny that happened. Democrats also will focus questioning on a series of meetings Trump had with former campaign manager Corey Lewandowski in which the Republican president directed Lewandowski to persuade then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions to limit Mueller's investigation.

Georgia Rep. Doug Collins, the top Republican on the committee, argued that "any thought of impeachment is waning" and that the American public has moved on. He said Republicans will be focused in their questioning on mak-

ing clear that the Mueller report represents a "final episode" in the Russia probe, which he described as flawed.

"Remember, the Mueller report is a one-sided report. It has not been questioned from the other side. This is our chance to do that," Collins said.

Mueller's appearance comes more than two years since the start of the Russia investigation, an extraordinary moment in Trump's presidency when, after Trump had fired FBI Director James Comey, his Justice Department appointed Mueller to take over the inquiry into election interference and the potential role that Trump and his winning 2016 campaign may have played.

While Mueller's testimony was once envisioned as a crystalizing event, a Watergate-style moment to uncover truths, public attention has drifted in the months since the report was released.

"We want Bob Mueller to bring it to life, to talk about what's in that report," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee. "It's a pretty damning set of facts that involve a presidential campaign in a close race welcoming help from a hostile foreign power, not reporting it but eagerly embracing it, building it into their campaign strategy, lying about it to cover up, then obstructing an investigation into foreign interference again to try to cover up."

Intelligence committee aides have said they believe the public has received a slanted view of what Mueller found on the question of criminal conspiracy because of Trump's repeated claims of "no collusion," and that the details of Russia's interference in the election — and the outreach to the Trump campaign — haven't gotten enough attention.

"Who better to bring them to life than the man who did the investigation himself?" Schiff asked.

Nadler said he's not worried that Republicans might seek to attack the credibility of the Russia investigation and says he hopes to take cues from the public after the hearing about "where we go from here." □

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From the Carolinas to Maine, daytime highs reached the upper 90s Sunday. Coupled with high humidity, temperatures felt as hot as 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43 degrees Celsius) in places.

"There's no point being out," Washington, D.C., bus driver Ramieka Darby remarked while taking a quick break amid temperatures of nearly 100 degrees (37.8 Celsius).

Nearby, Jack Ogten was among a steady stream of tourists milling around outside the White House. Undeterred by the stifling heat, the resident of the Netherlands joked he'd lost about 22 pounds (10 kilograms) from sweating after just one day of sightseeing. In New York City, where all eyes were on the power grid even before the hot weather following a Manhattan blackout last weekend, electricity company Con Ed reported roughly 17,000 customers were without power due to scattered outages early Sunday evening, the vast majority in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

Con Ed said it reduced voltage by 8% in those areas to maintain service as repairs are made and asked those customers to turn off non-essential appliances to conserve power.

The city also directed office buildings to set thermostats no lower than 78 degrees (26 degrees Celsius) through Sunday to reduce strain on its electrical grid. A day earlier, a commem-

oration of the 1969 moon landing planned for Times Square and an outdoor festival featuring soccer star Megan Rapinoe and musician John Legend were nixed due to the heat.

In Boston, Sunday's heat prompted cancellation of the annual Jimmy Fund 5K cancer benefit race as well as a popular Sunday market in the city's South End. City officials also once again opened up city pools free to residents as the temperature topped 90 degrees (32 degrees Celsius) for the third consecutive day.

And police in one Boston suburb posted a tongue-in-cheek request on their Facebook page. "Due to the extreme heat, we are asking anyone thinking of doing criminal activity to hold off until Monday," Braintree police wrote Friday. "Conducting criminal activity, in this extreme heat is next level henchmen status, and also very dangerous." In Pennsylvania, nine firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion and six transported to a hospital for treatment while fighting a house fire in sweltering conditions Saturday. Several hundred people were also evacuated from a retirement community Saturday because of a power outage that may have been heat-related.

In New Hampshire, rescue crews helped a 29-year-old hiker late Saturday after he was overcome by the heat in the White Mountain National Forest.

In New Jersey, the Oceanic Bridge over the Navesink River was closed Saturday evening after it got stuck open. Monmouth County

officials say heat caused expansion of the metal encasing the drawbridge, which is a popular route for residents and beachgoers. The heat even prompted Delaware officials to close Fort Delaware State Park, which served as a Union prison camp during the Civil War. Temperatures were simply too high for costumed interpreters who wear wool garb to work safely this weekend, officials said.

The National Weather Service reported high temperatures for July 20 were recorded Saturday at its weather stations in Atlantic City, New Jersey, New York City, Westfield, Massa-



People enjoy the day playing in a water fountain as the Empire State Building is seen from Williamsburg section of Brooklyn on Saturday, July 20, 2019 in New York.

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The heat relented early Sunday in the northern reaches of New England. □

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# In some states, GOP sees the recall as its way back to power

By JAMES ANDERSON  
Associated Press

**DENVER (AP)** — Republicans frustrated by losing their grip on political power in some Western states have begun deploying a new weapon: the recall. Once reserved for targeting corrupt or inept elected officials, the recall has become part of the toolkit for Republicans seeking a do-over of election results. One GOP strategist in Colorado has put a name to it — "recall season."

To be sure, Democrats also have used recalls, most notably in Wisconsin, where they tried unsuccessfully to oust then-Republican Gov. Scott Walker in 2012 over his actions to weaken public sector unions.

But Republicans have been mounting recall efforts against Democratic state lawmakers and governors at an unprecedented rate over the past two years in a handful of Western states, at the same time their political fortunes in those states have been declining.

In 2018, they recalled a freshman state senator in California as a way to tem-



In this April 12, 2019, file photo, Colorado State Sen. Brittany Pettersen, D-Lakewood, applauds after speaking at a bill signing that allowed Colorado to become the 15th state to adopt a "red flag" law permitting firearms to be taken from people who pose a danger during a ceremony in the state Capitol in Denver.

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porarily undo a Democratic supermajority.

The same year in Nevada, two Democratic lawmakers and an allied independent fended off recall attempts.

In Oregon, Republicans are pursuing a recall of Democratic Gov. Kate Brown, who was re-elected last year, after GOP lawmakers walked out of the Senate to try to block votes on climate change and education bills.

Colorado, where Demo-

crats control both houses of the legislature and the governor's office, is seeing its highest level of recall activity since 2013, when two Democratic lawmakers lost their seats for supporting gun control legislation and a third facing recall resigned.

Recall campaigns are targeting Democratic Gov. Jared Polis, two Democratic state House members and two Democrats in the state Senate. Recall committees have been formed

for other lawmakers, and the GOP's top-ranking officials have encouraged the efforts.

U.S. Rep. Ken Buck, newly elected as chairman of the Colorado Republican Party, told supporters earlier this year, "We need to teach them how to spell R-E-C-A-L-L."

Colorado recall proponents accused their targets of overreach on issues of gun control, climate change, taxes, sex education and the electoral college — issues that many of the Democrats ran on during their successful campaigns.

Karen Kateline, a talk show host working on the Polis effort, insists that she and other Republicans aren't abusing the original misconduct intent for recalls.

"Nobody is putting the brakes on these people," she said of Democrats.

"It's our constitutional right to recall," insisted Nancy Pallozzi, a Republican from the Denver suburb of Lakewood, who is leading an effort against state Sen. Brittany Pettersen. "We can't wait for new (GOP) candidates to be vetted for the next election. Three more years for the governor? And three more years for Brittany? No."

Democrats see the recalls as a blatant attempt to undo the results of the most recent elections, which produced a Democratic wave in several Western states.

Matt Harringer, spokesman for the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, has a simple label for the Republicans pursuing the recall attempts — "sore losers." The committee, which gets involved in state legislative races, has dedicated \$135,000 to help fight the Colorado recall attempts.

"Republicans are definitely on the decline in the West, and Colorado is the leader of that," Harringer said. "We don't think there's a huge appetite to recall legislators who are doing what they said they would do." Nevertheless, Republicans see it as a worthy strategy. The Colorado Republican

Party started months ago offering training sessions for what GOP consultant Ben Engen calls "recall season."

Proponents can use the process to time an election and shape the electorate on their own terms, when most voters aren't paying attention, said Engen, a Denver-based consultant who conducted some of those sessions.

For example, a petition drive can be timed to produce a special recall election during the winter holidays — taking advantage of lower turnout by unaffiliated voters who have helped turn Colorado, once a swing state, into Democratic-leaning territory, Engen said in an interview.

"There's a drop-off in turnout from presidential to midterm elections, and the same thing between midterms and off-year elections," Engen said. "Initiators of a recall can use the timing to maximize that enthusiasm gap."

To Democrats, that's essentially an admission that Republicans are using the recall not as a vehicle to oust corrupt officials, but rather as an attempt to game the system and flip seats they otherwise could not win in a regular election.

"The strategists see that a recall may be the best chance of winnowing down the electorate in such a way as to sneak through a seat," agreed Jason Bane, a Denver-based Democratic operative. "They need something that goes under the radar for it to work."

In 2018, California Democratic Sen. Josh Newman lost his seat in a recall election, ending Democrats' supermajority. Recall proponents' stated reason for the recall was Newman's support for a gas tax increase, although he was one of dozens of lawmakers in both legislative houses to vote for it. Ironically, California voters reaffirmed the gas tax increase, which is now in effect, just months after voters recalled Newman in a lower-turnout primary. □

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# America's got scallops: Catch is up, consumers shelling out

By PATRICK WHITTLE  
Associated Press

**PORTLAND, Maine (AP)** — America's harvest of scallops is increasing to near-record levels at a time when the shellfish are in high demand and the value of the fishery has surged in recent years.

Sea scallops, harvested mostly by boats from the cold Atlantic Ocean, are the target of one of the most valuable fisheries in America. New data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says the harvest topped 58.2 million pounds last year, the highest total since 2011 and the fifth-highest in history according to federal statistics going back to 1945.

The availability of scallops for consumers hasn't changed much as the U.S. harvest has long been supplemented by foreign sources. Prices to consumers have also held about steady.

The value of the fishery itself, though, is rising. American scallops were worth \$532.9 million at the docks last year. That's the third-highest figure on record and more than \$100 million higher than the 2014 total. The scallop industry is thriving as a result of years of conservative management that has allowed the valuable shellfish to grow undisturbed, said Jimmy Wotton, a scalloper based out of Friendship, Maine.

"There's a lot of scallops out there, and we did really well in the northern Gulf of Maine," said Wotton, refer-

ring to a key fishing area off New England. "The market has been strong."

The U.S. scallop fishery is anchored by New Bedford, Massachusetts, the state where by far the most scallops come to the docks. Other states with significant scallop fisheries are New Jersey, Virginia, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Maine. Maine scallops are beloved in part because some of them are harvested by hand by divers, though most are taken by boat.

The price U.S. fishermen receive for their scallops at the dock has fallen somewhat in the last couple of years, though they remain a premium product for consumers, who typically pay \$18 to \$22 per pound for them.

The fishery is projecting to land even more pounds this year, said Andrew Minkiewicz, a Washington, D.C.-based attorney who works with fishing advocacy group Fisheries Survival Fund.

"When you have a fishery that is constantly able to supply the product, you can sustain that demand," he said.

Federal fishing managers are working on potential changes to the rules governing the scallop industry that could go into effect in 2021. Fishermen who operate small boats are hopeful for management that works for vessels of all sizes, said Ben Martens, executive director of the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association. "The Gulf of Maine is a



In this Dec. 17, 2011, file photo, a scallops is shucked at sea off the coast of Harpswell, Maine. Associated Press

very delicate resource and you could very easily fish down that fishery of scal-

lops very quickly," he said. "The hope is we can put some really good sustain-

able fisheries management in place to basically steward it going forward." □



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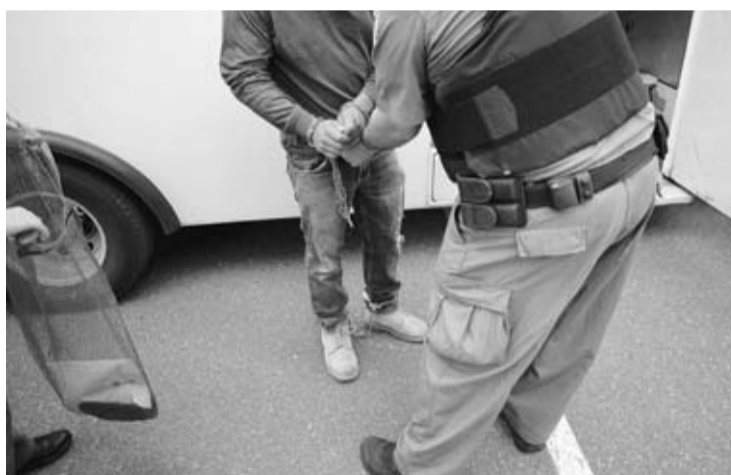
## U.S. hotels caught in fight over housing detained migrants

**DETROIT (AP)** — There's a new target in the clash over immigration: hotels. Advocacy groups and unions are pressuring Marriott, MGM and others not to house migrants who have been arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers.

For decades, the U.S. government has occasionally detained migrants in hotels, and Acting ICE Director Matthew Albence says it might have to split up families if hotels don't help. It's the latest example of a private industry caught in the political fray of an over-taxed immigration system. American and United Airlines said last year they didn't want to fly migrant children separated from their parents. Greyhound told authorities to stop dropping off immigrants inside its bus stations. More recently, immigration groups have criticized Enterprise for renting vans to federal agents and PNC Bank for funding private detention centers.

Hotels don't like to wade into politics. They're used to accepting business without questions and tuning their lobby televisions to non-political channels. They're also used to working with the government, whether to host displaced flood victims, defense contractors or conferences.

But when the Trump administration announced immigration arrests target-



In this July 8, 2019, file photo, a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers transfer a man in handcuffs and ankle cuffs onto a van during an operation in Escondido, Calif.

Associated Press

ing families the weekend of July 13 and said it might use hotels, the big companies responded. Marriott, Hilton, Choice Hotels, Best Western, Wyndham, Hyatt, IHG and MGM Resorts all released statements saying they don't want their hotels used to detain migrants. Hotels felt pressure from their unions — which represent thousands of immigrants — as well as from customers angered by recent scenes of overcrowding and other squalid conditions at detention facilities.

"Hotels are meant to welcome people from all over the world, not jail them," said D. Taylor, president of the hotel workers union Unite Here.

The companies also needed to reassure customers that their properties are safe and not overrun by armed guards watch-

ing migrants, said Daniel Mount, an associate professor of hospitality management at Pennsylvania State University.

So far, there's been little evidence of widespread arrests.

But the hotels' stance frustrates Albence. He said ICE uses hotels "strategically" to keep families together before transferring them to detention centers or deporting them. As of July 16, the agency had 53,459 individuals in custody, including 311 members of families.

"If hotels or other places do not want to allow us to utilize that, they're almost forcing us into a situation where we're going to have to take one of the parents and put them in custody and separate them from the rest of their families," Albence told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

The Trump administration's zero tolerance policy last year led to the separation of families at the southern border, igniting widespread outcry before it was abandoned.

One national chain, Motel 6, faced lawsuits after it was accused of sharing guests' names with immigration authorities.

ICE wouldn't say whether it's now using hotels to detain migrants.

Despite the corporate positions, individual hotels might still work with ICE. Franchisees run 88% of hotels in the U.S., according to data firm STR, and their franchise agreements don't expressly prohibit detained migrants.

Hotel companies could change those agreements to ban the practice, but waiting for the deals to expire and rolling out new ones would take years, Mount said. And not all hotel owners would back the change.

Walter Barela, who runs 10 hotels across the Southwest as principal of Albuquerque, New Mexico-based Peak Hospitality, said some of his hotels on the border work with church groups to house newly arrived immigrants at discount rates. But he has never been approached by ICE about rooms for detained migrants.

If he was, he said he would consider it. Barela, who serves on the board of the

national Latino Hotel Association, said hotels close to Mexico "live and breathe off the Border Patrol." He once sold a hotel because occupancy dropped sharply after border officers were reassigned.

"It's not our business to stand on one side of the debate or another," Barela said. "We have to make people across a wide spectrum feel comfortable in our establishments."

Contracts with the government can be lucrative. According to federal contract listings, Quality Suites San Diego Otay Mesa, near the Mexican border, could earn \$502,900 between 2016 and 2020 housing migrants for ICE.

Mount says the government generally pays a higher rate than a budget hotel could command.

"If the government is saying, 'We can fill half the hotel at \$99 per night for six months or a year,' that's hard business to turn away from," he said.

Available data suggests the government detains migrants at hotels on a limited basis. On a November 2017 list of government detention facilities, just 12 of the 1,685 sites were hotels. The list, obtained by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, also includes county jails and hospitals.

Only one of those hotels — the Quality Suites — had recently housed more than three migrants. □

# Protest decries plan to detain migrant kids at Oklahoma base

LAWTON, Okla. (AP) — More than 100 demonstrators protested Saturday in withering heat outside an Oklahoma Army base against the Trump administration's plans to detain migrant children there. Japanese Americans and Native Americans are among those who took part in Saturday's march to Fort Sill and rally in front of one of its entrances, briefly blocking a city street. They chanted "Close the camps" and carried signs with messages including "Human Rights Matter," "Love Trumps Hate," and "Liberty and Justice For All." The protest follows a similar rally held June 22 at Fort Sill, which was used by the fed-

eral government to house hundreds of Japanese and Japanese Americans during World War II and Apache prisoners of war from 1894-1910. The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement recently announced plans to temporarily detain up to 1,400 migrant children at the base near Lawton, which is about 80 miles (130 kilometers) southwest of Oklahoma City. Fort Sill was also used to house migrant children in 2014 during the Obama administration. Though a street was briefly blocked, Fort Sill spokeswoman Monica Guthrie said there was no disruption at the base. "Our mission is still operating normally, normal hours. It's



Dr. Cornel Pewewardy beats the drum and leads protesters as they march along Northwest Ozmun Avenue and onto Sheridan Road to the Fort Sill entry gates, Saturday, July 20, 2019 in Lawton, Okla.

Associated Press

a Saturday, so that helps," Guthrie said. "On a weekend the operations tempo slows down dramatically." Guthrie referred questions about the blocked street to Lawton police, who did not immediately return a phone call for comment.

She referred all questions about the migrant children to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement, which also did not return a phone call or email for comment on Saturday. □



This July 14, 2019, file photo shows the summit of Hawaii's Mauna Kea.

Associated Press

# Opponents of giant Hawaii telescope launch protest march

HONOLULU (AP) — Hundreds of opponents of a planned telescope on Hawaii's highest peak have launched a protest march. The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reports that activists opposed to the Thirty Meter Telescope started marching Sunday morning in Waikiki. Last week, hundreds of protesters blocked a road on the Big Island to stop construction of the \$1.4 billion telescope on Mauna Kea. Many Native Hawaiians

consider Mauna Kea to be sacred. Astronomers are hopeful the telescope will help them study the earliest moments of the universe after the Big Bang. Democratic Gov. David Ige has said National Guard units would be used to transport personnel and equipment as well as to enforce road closures on the Big Island. As about 800 to 1,200 activists gathered there Friday, Ige said no more troops would be called in. □

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## UK Treasury chief vows to quit if Boris Johnson becomes PM



In this Wednesday, Jan 9, 2019 file photo, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond leaves 11 Downing Street for the House of Commons to attend Prime Minister's question time, in London.

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By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — British Treasury chief Philip Hammond said Sunday that he will quit if — as widely expected — Boris Johnson becomes prime minister this week on a promise to leave the European Union with or without a divorce deal. Hammond said Johnson's vow to press for a no-deal Brexit if he can't secure a new agreement with the EU is "not something that I could ever sign up to." Hammond was almost certain to be removed from office by the new leader in any case. He has angered Brexit-backers, who now dominate the governing Conservative Party, with his warnings about the economic pain that leaving the EU could cause. Hammond told the BBC that if Johnson wins, "I'm

not going to be sacked because I'm going to resign before we get to that point."

Johnson is the strong favorite to win a two-person runoff to lead the Conservative Party and the country. The winner is being announced Tuesday, with the victor taking over from Prime Minister Theresa May on Wednesday.

Britain is due to leave the EU on Oct. 31 but Parliament has repeatedly rejected the divorce deal struck between May and the bloc. Both Johnson and his rival Jeremy Hunt, the current foreign secretary, say they will leave the EU without an agreement if the EU won't renegotiate.

Most economists say quitting the 28-nation bloc without a deal would cause Britain economic turmoil. The U.K.'s official econom-

ic watchdog has forecast that a no-deal Brexit would trigger a recession, with the pound plummeting in value, borrowing soaring by 30 billion pounds (\$37 billion) and the economy shrinking 2% in a year.

But Johnson, who helped lead the "leave" campaign in Britain's 2016 EU membership referendum, says a no-deal Brexit will be "vanishingly inexpensive" if the country prepares properly. The EU insists it won't reopen the 585-page divorce deal it struck with May.

Irish Deputy Prime Minister Simon Coveney said Sunday that the bloc is "simply not going to move away from the Withdrawal Agreement."

Hammond is the third U.K. minister within a week to quit or say they will resign in order to try to prevent a cliff-edge Brexit. □

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## New Greek PM emphasizes tax cuts, jobs, security

By DEMETRIS NELLAS

Associated Press

**ATHENS, Greece (AP)** — New Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis said Saturday that cutting taxes, attracting jobs and tackling rising crime will be his top priorities. Mitsotakis announced he would immediately implement a reduction in property taxes while opening a three-day parliamentary debate on his new conservative government's policy statement. He said he will stick to the

fiscal targets demanded by Greece's creditors that the previous left-wing government agreed to meet, including an "excessive" primary budget surplus equivalent to 3.5% of gross domestic product, adding that he would try to negotiate different terms next year. Mitsotakis also promised to abolish laws that made it easier for convicted felons and terrorists to be released from prison early and to re-establish maximum security prisons the previous gov-

ernment abolished. As for the agreement signed with North Macedonia that ended a decades-old dispute over the latter's name, Mitsotakis said he would "alleviate (its) negative effects," notably by protecting the labeling as "Macedonian" of goods produced in the Greek province of Macedonia. Mitsotakis kept his attacks on his predecessor Alexis Tsipras to a minimum saying: "We are not enemies, we do not seek each other's political demise." □





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## President's party leads Ukraine election, exit poll says

By YURAS KARMANAU  
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — President Volodymyr Zelenskiy's party took the largest share of votes in the country's snap parliamentary election, an exit poll showed Sunday.

The poll of 13,000 voters showed Servant of the People getting 43.9% of the vote for party-list candidates, far ahead of rivals. But 199 of the 424 seats being filled were for single constituencies, which the poll didn't assess.

Overall, five parties cleared the 5% threshold necessary to get party-list seats, according to the poll. In all, the parties got less than 80% of the overall vote, suggesting that Zelenskiy's party was likely to win a majority of the party-list seats.

Zelenskiy, who took office in May, called the election three months ahead of schedule because the parliament was dominated by his opponents. He is seeking a majority that would support his promised fight against Ukraine's endemic corruption and for other reforms.

His Servant of the People party is named after the television comedy in which he played a teacher who unexpectedly becomes president.

After voting, Zelenskiy said one of the new parliament's first tasks should be to consider lifting parliament members' immunity from prosecution.

A party led by one of Russian President Vladimir Putin's closest associates, tycoon Viktor Medvedchuk, was in second with 11.5% of the vote, according to the exit poll. It was followed by the European Solidarity

party of former President Petro Poroshenko, whom Zelenskiy defeated in a landslide in the country's spring presidential election. Zelenskiy's party intends to continue a pro-Western course toward joining the European Union and NATO, combining this with economic reforms and an intensified fight against endemic corruption.

"With Zelenskiy, a new political team should come into politics that will continue the reforms that Poroshenko spoke about beautifully but did not do," said 35-year-old lawyer Viktor Shumeiko at a polling station in Kiev.

Medvedchuk says Ukraine's proper course is to improve its relations with Moscow, which plummeted after Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea and its support for Russia-backed separatists fighting government troops in a war that has killed more than 13,000 people.

Dmitry Rushailo, a 57-year-old doctor voting in Kiev, agreed.

"The Kremlin will stop the war if Medvedchuk comes into power," he said. "Half the country speaks Russian, but neither the old or new authorities listen to us. Why should we have the EU and NATO if the war doesn't stop and we become poorer?" Medvedchuk proposes that Ukraine grant autonomy to rebel areas in the east and offer amnesty to the separatists. He said Ukraine could get a 25% discount on natural gas imports from Russia if it takes steps that satisfy the Kremlin.

Since Putin is the godfather of Medvedchuk's daughter, his statements likely reflect Kremlin thinking. Medvedchuk and the Russian

leader met Thursday in St. Petersburg.

Dmytro Razumkov, head of Zelenskiy's party, said it is ready to negotiate with Russia on mechanisms for conflict resolution and seeks peace in the east "but not at any cost."

"What Medvedchuk says is not a strategy for returning territories, not a strategy for ending the war," he said. □



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, center, gestures as he arrives at a polling station during a parliamentary election in Kiev, Ukraine, Sunday, July 21, 2019.

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## War-weakened South Sudan tries to prepare for Ebola

**JUBA, South Sudan (AP)** — With the deadly Ebola outbreak in Congo now an international emergency, neighboring South Sudan and its war-weakened health system is a major concern, especially after one case was confirmed near its border. Health experts say there is an urgent need to increase prevention efforts.

The World Health Organization on Wednesday made the emergency declaration for the year-old outbreak, a rare move that usually leads to more global attention and aid. More than 1,600 people have died in what has become the second-worst Ebola outbreak in history.

Health experts worry about what would happen if Ebola reaches South Sudan as the shattered nation tries to recover from a five-year civil war that killed nearly 400,000 people and displaced millions. Many health facilities were badly damaged or destroyed, and unrest continues in parts of the country de-



In this Tuesday Feb. 26 2019 photo, health workers give a training presentation about how to detect and prevent the spread of Ebola, in an army barracks outside South Sudan's town of Yei.

Associated Press

spite a fragile peace deal signed in September. Last month a 41-year-old woman was discovered with Ebola in northeastern Congo, just 70 kilometers (43 miles) from South Sudan. She had traveled 500 kilometers from Beni, the epicenter of the outbreak, despite having been ex-

posed to the virus and warned not to travel. South Sudan has sent a health team to strengthen surveillance at one of its busiest border posts, Kaya in Central Equatoria state, near where the woman's case was confirmed. Hers was the closest confirmed case to South Sudan since

this outbreak was declared. "The risk of cases of Ebola coming across the border into South Sudan is very high," said Sudhir Bunga, South Sudan country director for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "A person who comes into contact with a confirmed case of Ebola

in (Congo) could travel to South Sudan, or any neighboring country, undetected during the 21-day incubation period and spread the disease once contagious."

That recently happened in neighboring Uganda, a more stable country with a more developed health system and experience with past Ebola outbreaks, as millions of people flow across borders in the densely populated region. Three people died in Uganda before other family members were taken back to Congo for treatment and Ugandan officials quickly declared the country was again free of the disease. Ebola's spread into South Sudan would pose more of a challenge.

Even though Ebola preparedness, including vaccinations for some health workers, began several months ago the current phase of the country's \$12 million response plan is just 36% funded, according to a report this month by the country's health ministry. □

## Militants bomb, derail phosphate train in central Syria

Associated Press

**DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)** — Syria's transport ministry said a freight train carrying phosphate derailed and caught fire Sunday after getting hit by explosives planted on the tracks by militants in the country's center.

The government-owned train was transporting phosphate from mines in Khunayfis in Homs province, and the ministry said technical teams were working to repair the railway and restore traffic.

Last week, militants also targeted a gas pipeline in

Homs province.

A Russian company controlled by a childhood friend of President Vladimir Putin has secured a 50-year concession from the Syrian government for most of the output of the major phosphate field in Homs after the mines were liberated from the Islamic State group in 2017.

The same company has an agreement with the Syrian government to rebuild the country's only fertilizer plant and develop one of its main ports.

Russia is a main backer of President Bashar Assad's

forces in the country's civil war, now in its ninth year.

Before the war, Syria was one of the world's top exporters of phosphate. IS militants held territory in central Homs and gained control of the phosphate mines in 2015.

Despite the territorial defeat, IS militants remain holed up in parts of central Syria, where they have increased their attacks against government troops. While the government now controls over 60 percent of Syria, there is still a rebel stronghold in the northwest, where the gov-

ernment is waging a limited but stalled offensive. Smaller armed groups in northern, central and eastern Syria have vowed to target government and Kurdish-controlled facilities.

In northwestern Syria, where the nearly four-month offensive continues, first responders and activists said government bombing of the last major rebel area killed at least 11 civilians on Sunday.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said six people were killed, including a child, in the government bombing

of the village of Urum al-Joz in southern Idlib province. The opposition-operated Shaam news agency said those killed had previously been displaced from the southern tip of the rebel stronghold.

Rescue workers, known as Syria's Civil Defense or White Helmets, said three children and a woman were killed in Kfaruma, south of Urum al-Joz. A White Helmet volunteer was killed in the town of Khan Sheikhoun, the group said.

The offensive began in late April, displacing more than 300,000 people. □

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## Police launch tear gas as Hong Kong protest turns violent

By ALICE FUNG  
YANAN WANG  
Associated Press

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Hong Kong's protest movement took a violent turn Sunday as police launched tear gas at protesters after a massive march continued late into the evening, and subway riders were attacked by masked assailants who apparently were targeting pro-democracy demonstrators.

The firing of the tear gas was the latest confrontation between police and protesters who have taken to the streets for over a month to fight a proposed extradition bill and call for electoral reforms in the Chinese territory.

The march had been peaceful when it reached its police-designated end point in Hong Kong's Wan Chai district in the late afternoon, but thousands continued onward, at various points occupying key government and business districts. They then headed for the Liaison Office, which represents China's Communist Party-led central government within the city. Protesters threw eggs at the building and spray-painted its surrounding surveillance cameras. China's national emblem, which adorns the front of the Liaison Office, was splattered with black ink. The Liaison Office said in comments published on Chinese state media that the acts "openly challenged the authority of the central government and touched the bottom line of the 'one country, two systems' principle."

Later, police threw tear gas canisters at protesters to try



A protestor kicks a tear gas canister during confrontation in Hong Kong Sunday, July 21, 2019. Hong Kong police launched tear gas at protesters Sunday after a massive pro-democracy march continued late into the evening.

Associated Press

to disperse them. Protesters scattered, some heading back in the direction of a key business and retail district. Police remained in place, protecting themselves with shields. Police said on their official social media accounts that protesters threw bricks and petrol bombs at them and attacked the Central police station.

Hong Kong media released video showing masked assailants attacking commuters in a subway station. Among those attacked were protesters clad in their trademark black clothing and yellow hard hats.

The attackers, meanwhile, were dressed in white with black masks pulled over their heads. On Saturday, demonstrators wore white at a counter-rally in support of police.

Footage from Apple Daily showed the attackers using umbrellas to beat people in the station and inside a subway car. Subway passengers filmed by Stand News and iCABLE angrily accused police officers of not intervening in the attack. Stand News reporter Gwyneth Ho said on Facebook that she suffered minor injuries to her hands and shoulder, and was dizzy from a head injury. The South China Morning Post reported several people were bleeding following the attacks, and that seven people were sent to the hospital.

The Hong Kong government said in a statement shortly after midnight that commuters were attacked at a subway station in the city's Yuen Long neighborhood, leading to "confrontations and injuries."

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The statement also said some "radical protesters initiated a series of violent acts ... despite repeated warnings" by police. They said the acts included hurling petrol bombs, setting fires and throwing bricks.

"This is absolutely unacceptable to Hong Kong as a society that observes the rule of law," the statement said, referring to the acts of the subway attackers as well as the protesters. Organizers said 430,000 people participated in Sunday's march, while police said there were 138,000 during the procession's "peak period."

Large protests began early last month in opposition to a contentious extradition bill that would have allowed Hong Kong residents to stand trial in mainland

China, where critics say their rights would be compromised.

Hong Kong's leader, Carrie Lam, has declared the extradition bill dead, but protesters are dissatisfied with her refusal to formally withdraw the legislation. Some are also calling for her to resign amid growing concerns about the steady erosion of civil rights in the city.

Hong Kong, a former British colony, was handed back to China in 1997 and was promised certain democratic freedoms under the framework of "one country, two systems." Fueled by anger at Lam and an enduring distrust of the Communist Party-ruled central government in Beijing, the current demonstrations have ballooned into calls for electoral reform and an investigation into alleged police brutality at the protests.

Walking in sweltering heat, protesters dressed in black kicked off Sunday's march at a public park, carrying a large banner that read "Independent Inquiry for Rule of Law."

"Free Hong Kong! Democracy now!" the protesters chanted, forming a dense procession through Wan Chai as they were joined by others who had been waiting in side streets.

"The government has never responded to our demands," said Karen Yu, a 52-year-old Hong Kong resident who has attended four protests since they started. "No matter how much the government can do, at least it should come out and respond to us directly." □

# Besieged Puerto Rico governor goes quiet amid protests

By **MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN**  
Associated Press

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)**

— In the Spanish colonial fortress that serves as his official residence, Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló is under siege.

Motorcyclists, celebrities, horse enthusiasts and hundreds of thousands of ordinary Puerto Ricans have swarmed outside La Fortaleza (The Fort) in Old San Juan this week, demanding Rosselló resign over a series of leaked online chats insulting women, political opponents and even victims of Hurricane Maria.

Rosselló, the telegenic 40-year-old son of a former governor, has dropped his normally intense rhythm of public appearances and gone into relatively long periods of near-media silence, intensifying questions about his future.

For much of his 2 1/2 years in office, Rosselló has given three or four lengthy news conferences a week, comfortably fielding question after question in Spanish and English from the local and international press. And that's on top of public appearances, one-on-one interviews and televised meetings with visiting politicians and members of his administration.

But since July 11, when Rosselló cut short a family vacation in France and returned home to face the first signs of what has become an island-wide movement to oust him, the governor has made four appearances, all but one in highly controlled situations.

New protests began Friday afternoon, with unionized workers organizing a march to La Fortaleza from the nearby waterfront. Horseback riders joined them with a self-declared cavalry march, while hundreds of other people came from around the city and surrounding areas. A string of smaller events was on the agenda across the island over the weekend, followed by what many expected to be a massive protest on Monday.

The chorus calling for Ros-



**Demonstrators bang on pots, from the balcony of their apartment as they protest against governor Ricardo Rossello, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Friday, July 19, 2019.**

Associated Press

selló's resignation was joined Friday by Puerto Rico's non-voting member of Congress, Jenniffer Gonzalez; U.S. Sen. Rick Scott of Florida; and New York congresswomen Nydia Velázquez and Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez.

The crisis has even cut back Rosselló's affable online presence. The governor normally started every day by tweeting "Good morning!" to his followers around 5 a.m. The last such bright-and-early message came on July 8. The tweets from his account have dwindled to a trickle since then, and each one is met by a flood of often-abusive responses from Puerto Ricans demanding he resign.

Rosselló's secretary of public affairs, Anthony Maceira, told reporters Friday that the governor was in La Fortaleza working on signing laws and filling posts emptied by the resignations of fellow members of the leaked chat group.

The head of Rosselló's pro-statehood political party said a meeting of its directors had been convened for coming days, although the agenda was not disclosed beyond "addressing every one of the complaints of our colleagues."

Rosselló offered a press conference on July 11 to address the arrest of two

of his former department heads on federal corruption charges. He also asked the people of Puerto Rico to forgive him for a profanity-laced and at times misogynistic online chat with nine other male members of his administration, short selections of which had leaked to local media. Two days later, at least 889 pages of the chat were published by Puerto Rico's Center for Investigative Journalism, and things got much, much worse for Rosselló.

In the chats on the encrypted messaging app Telegram, Rosselló calls one New York female politician of Puerto Rican background a "whore," describes another as a "daughter of a bitch" and makes fun of an obese man he posed with in a photo. The chat also contains vulgar references to Puerto Rican star Ricky Martin's homosexuality and a series of emojis of a raised middle finger directed at a federal control board overseeing the island's finances. The next day, Sunday, Rosselló appeared in a San Juan church and asked the congregation for forgiveness, without informing the press. The church broadcasts its services online, however, and his remarks became public. On Monday, July 15, Rosselló gave a notably non-confronta-

tional interview to a salsa music radio station. The governor's spokesman said the questions had been "negotiated" between Rosselló's press team and the station. That night, thousands swarmed Old San Juan to demand his resignation.

On July 16, Rosselló held a press conference and faced aggressive questioning about the chat scandal and the corruption arrests. Later that day, an ally tweeted a photo of Rosselló embracing Wilfredo Santiago, an obese man whom the governor had mocked in one of the most infamous sections of the chat.

Since then, it's been silence. There has been a handful of tweets, press releases and statements, some saying he won't resign but mostly about purportedly routine meetings of administration officials.

His official spokespeople aren't answering many questions, and even his whereabouts are mostly unknown.

The governor's press secretary, Dennise Pérez, announced Friday night that she was resigning because she could no longer stand the insults and personal abuse directed at her this week by fellow Puerto Ricans.

Rosselló was raised in the public eye, as the youngest son of Pedro Rosselló, who served as governor from 1993 to 2001. One of Puerto Rico's most charismatic and controversial governors, the elder Rosselló launched a string of large-scale infrastructure projects that swelled the public debt and ensuing bankruptcy that his son has inherited.

Known widely as Ricky, the younger Rosselló started his political career in his father's pro-statehood New Progressive Party. Trained in biomechanical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Michigan and Duke, he launched his campaign for governor in 2015 with little previous history of public service.

Deflecting questions about whether he owed his success to his connections, Rosselló portrayed himself as an affable technocrat with solutions to Puerto Rico's debt and crumbling infrastructure, and by less than 3% of the total votes cast defeated David Bernier of Popular Democratic Party, which advocates greater Puerto Rican autonomy from the mainland United States.

Until now, Rosselló's greatest challenge was Hurricane Maria, a Category 4 storm that struck the Puerto Rico on Sept. 20, 2017, destroying the island's power and communications systems. Rosselló came under heavy criticism for mismanaging the crisis, particularly for understating the deaths from the storm. While some of his deputies were vilified, Rosselló seemed to emerge relatively unscathed, perhaps due to his friendly and non-confrontational manner with critics, opponents and journalists alike.

The father of two young children, he often posts their photos online, along with images of his wife and their two rescue dogs, a Siberian Husky and a Yorkshire Terrier. Rosselló once halted a press conference to help local journalists move their equipment out of the rain. □

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**Creative Islander by Thais Franken**

Currently, Thais Franken is a 23-year-old Aruban student at the University of Maastricht (UM). She is studying a Master of Science in Public Policy and Human Development in collaboration with the United Nations University (UNU). Back home, on the beautiful island of Aruba she completed her Bachelor of Arts in Organization, Governance & Management (OGM) at the University of Aruba (UA). She successfully graduated and

defended her thesis titled "Placing Culture and Creativity at the Heart of the Aruban Sustainable Development" on July 6th 2018. This is very passionate about topics such as sustainability, innovation, culture and creativity. Next to her academic interests, she enjoys reading, writing, dancing and cooking.



# Aruba Today's Columnist

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## Island Insight by Anthony Croes of Etnia Nativa

Anthony Croes is an Etnia Nativa based artist at Westpunt, originally from Companashi. As a child, he demonstrated a natural interest and respect for his old world heritage as well as his natives' ancestor's history and their survival challenges. This same interest encouraged him to pursue anthropological studies as an academic call. For someone with such interest in cultural expressions it is no surprising that Aruba Today welcomed him as a columnist.



## Today's Catch by Joris Zandvoort

Dutch Joris Zantvoort is a writer at Fisherbooker.com. He writes a monthly fisher report for Aruba Today. The company works with 17 captains in Aruba that help him create this report containing information like: What is currently in the water? What can you catch? Also amazing pictures are being shared and part of the column shows The Captain of The Month.



## Hotel Hustle by Shanella Pantophlet

Aruban born and bred Shanella Pantophlet is passionate about tourism. That is the world she studied and works in, so we might as well call her a specialist. Luckily for Aruba Today Shanella also loves to write. And together with the fact that the majority of our readers are tourists, we found ourselves a perfect combination for a column: Hotel Hustle.



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Column by: Shanella Pantophlet

## The Right Facilities

**ORANJESTAD** — Did you know? Working out after a long flight or one crossing multiple time zones, actually helps your body acclimate better and reduces jet lag. It's one of those fun facts I've picked up along the way as I travel great distances to see friends and family abroad. When trying to maximize your fun time without the weird sleep patterns this is one way to help you through. I believe it's also why hotel gyms are getting more attention now. They help keep your body beach ready, help get in your cardio and now are an aid in jet lag recovery. All the more reason for greater investment in your hotel's gym.

Once and still in some cases a location relegated to the left over spaces of a hotel. Usually put on a random floor with no windows and the most basic of equipment. In years past that was fine as it wasn't an appealing facility, a nice one to have, but not totally necessary and it filled the empty basement like space a hotel may have left over.

The thought processes used to be people are coming to Aruba for the beach and the pool and those are what should be focused on. As long as you have a great beach location, an adult pool and a kiddy pool you were basically set for return visitors and no complaints. All of these things are still very true, but the popularity of the hotel gym during long stays is steadily growing.



Of course back when hotels were becoming a staple to the Aruban skyline, designers and developers couldn't predict how important the gym would become to today's market appeal. As people become more health conscious and look toward gaining and maintaining their "summer body" all year round, workout classes and the gym have suddenly become more popular.

It seems to be a most notable trend in Aruba. In our resort along the most popular activities are the yoga classes, the abs and stretching and the water aerobics classes. On the days we don't have those or for people who like working out on their own the gym becomes important and they will let you know their frustrations if your facility is less than adequate for their needs. Resorts are starting to notice that and take those comments into consideration when renovating or redesigning their gyms to take up a more prominent spot with better equipment and more space to work and move. One resort that's a prime example is the Divi Tamarijn, who literally elevated their gym so you can work out with a view.

Even if the guests in timeshares are older they still want to be active and the calls for better gyms and equipment have been heard. Our current gym is pretty small and we have a lot stuffed into it, which doesn't leave much room to get in a proper workout. We do provide a rather nice view though. Soon enough however we will be moving forward to expanding the gym as the demand grows and more people use it.

The input we receive from our guests is important for the ongoing development of a place you can truly label as your home away from home during extended stays. □

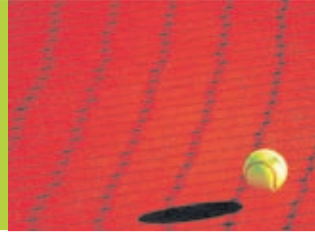


Aruban born and bred Shanella Pantophlet is passionate about tourism. That is the world she studied and works in, so we might as well call her a specialist. Luckily for Aruba Today Shanella also loves to write. And together with the fact that the majority of our readers are tourists, we found ourselves a perfect combination for a column: Hotel Hustle.

# Hotel

# Hustle

# SPORTS



Gold medalist Australia's Ariane Titmus poses for a photo following the women's 400m freestyle final at the World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, Sunday, July 21, 2019.

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## Ledecky stunned in 400 free at worlds; Sun wins record title

By BETH HARRIS  
AP Sports Writer

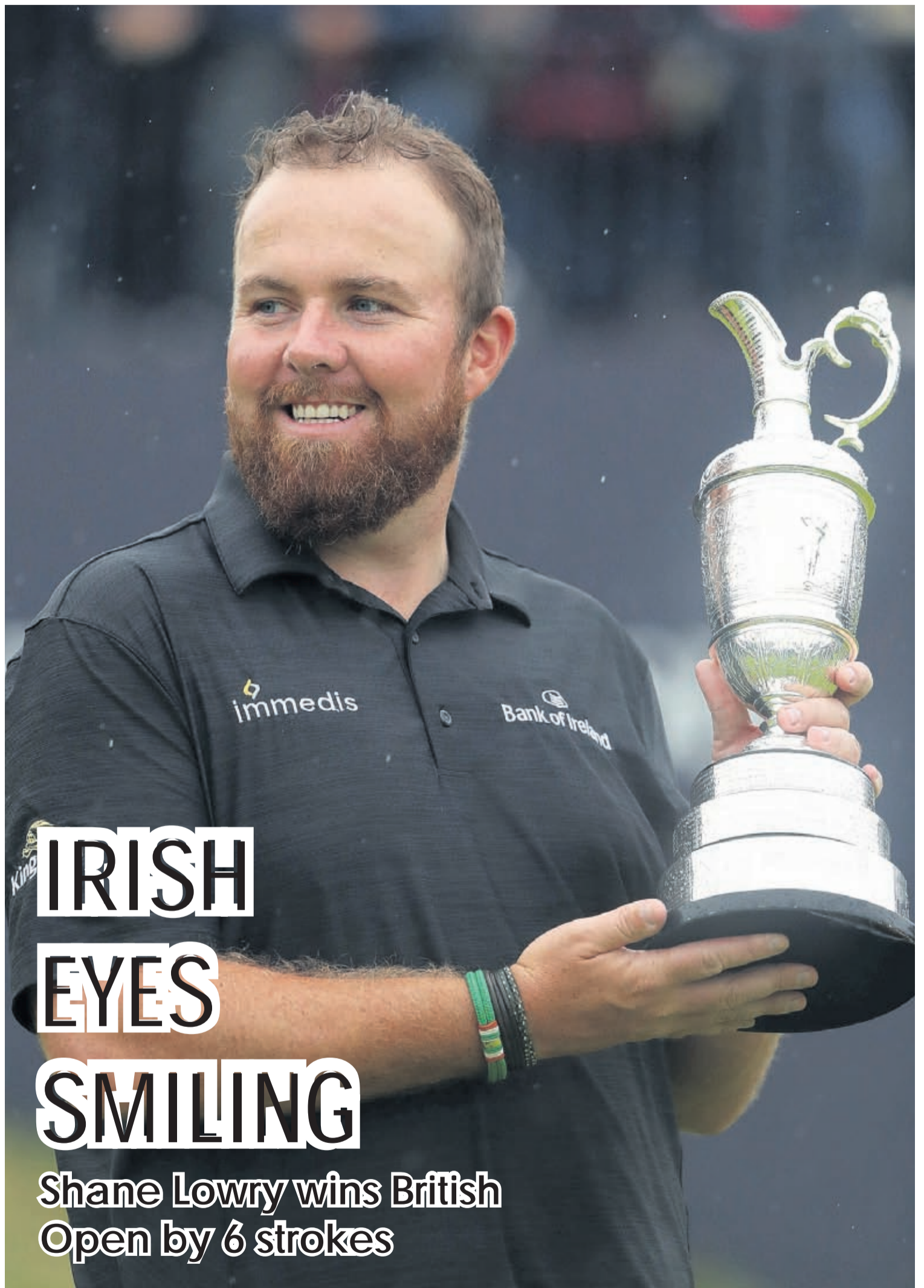
GWANGJU, South Korea (AP) — Katie Ledecky is usually there in the end, her endurance powering her to the wall well ahead of the competition.

Someone else got there first at the world championships on Sunday night. Ariarne Titmus of Australia chased down Ledecky over the last lap to win the 400-meter freestyle and deny the American star a record fourth straight title. It was Ledecky's first defeat in the event at a major international meet since 2013.

"This stings a little," Ledecky said. "It's not what I'm used to." China's Sun Yang was able to do what Ledecky could not: win his record fourth consecutive title in the men's 400 free.

As expected, it didn't come without controversy.

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## IRISH EYES SMILING

### Shane Lowry wins British Open by 6 strokes

Ireland's Shane Lowry hold up the Claret Jug trophy as he poses for the media and the crowd after winning the British Open Golf Championships at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland, Sunday, July 21, 2019.

# Kevin Harvick holds off Denny Hamlin at New Hampshire

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Kevin Harvick used a late bump and run to win last year at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Repeating required another bump, but there was little time for a run before Harvick crossed the finish line 0.210 seconds ahead of Denny Hamlin on Sunday.

"It turned into a wild finish," Harvick said after his first NASCAR Cup Series victory of the season.

Harvick gave Hamlin a late opening when he had trouble navigating a group of cars that were off the lead lap. After nearly catching him on the back stretch, Hamlin made another run through the final two turns but couldn't regain the lead.

"I just told him 'we were leaving on a tow truck or winning the race today,'" said Harvick, who hadn't won since Texas in November.

Driving a backup car after wrecking during a practice lap Friday, Hamlin led 113 laps, but couldn't catch Harvick after pitting on a caution after Kyle Larson blew a tire on the 265th lap. "I just could not break that barrier," Hamlin said. "I could not get him to make that one little slip to give me the bottom."

The 43-year-old Harvick led the final 41 laps in the No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford for his second straight victory at the track. He has four victories at the mile oval to tie the record set by Jeff Burton.

Harvick won at New Hampshire last year after a late bump from behind knocked Kyle Busch off the lead. On Sunday, Harvick had a late bump again, but this time it was nudging Hamlin just enough to the side coming out of the final turn.

"I'm like, 'You're not getting under me again.' And he drove to the outside of me, and I waited until he got near me, and I just put a wheel on him," Harvick said.

Erik Jones was third, and Ryan Blaney fourth.

NASCAR paid tribute to crew chief Nick Harrison, who died overnight after Saturday's Xfinity Series race.

NASCAR announced Harrison's death during the drivers' meeting before the race Sunday and honored him with a moment of silence. No details were given.

The 37-year-old Harrison was the crew chief for Justin Haley, who finished in 13th Saturday. In Harrison's first season with Kaulig Racing, Haley had two top-five finishes and finished 12 times in the top 10.

"Not just a crew chief, but

a friend to everyone who knew him," Haley wrote on Twitter. "I, and everyone at Kaulig Racing are devastated. He will be greatly missed."

Harrison was a veteran crew chief with all three NASCAR national series since 2006. His teams won five Xfinity Series races with drivers Austin Dillon, Paul Menard and Kurt Busch, who were all driving Sunday.

"We all lost a friend last night. We love you Nick Harrison. You were a leader, and a great friend to all," Kurt Busch posted on Twitter. "Nick really helped me rebuild my career when I was at a low point. RIP." □



Kevin Harvick hoists a giant lobster in victory lane after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H., Sunday, July 21, 2019.

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# Lowry wins British Open in celebrated return to Emerald Isle



Ireland's Shane Lowry holds and kisses the Claret Jug trophy after winning the British Open Golf Championships at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland, Sunday, July 21, 2019.

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By DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer  
PORTRUSH, Northern Ireland  
(AP) — Shane Lowry made the 68 years between British Opens in Northern Ireland

worth the wait. The silver claret jug is staying on the Emerald Isle. Lowry, the 32-year-old Irishman with stout nerves and a soft touch around the

greens, endured the worst weather of the week and the Sunday pressure of a sellout crowd cheering him along to win the British Open by six shots at Royal Portrush. Even as the rain stopped, the tears began flowing. "I can't believe this is me standing here," Lowry said as he cradled golf's oldest trophy. "I can't believe this is mine." It was never really in doubt. Lowry closed with a 1-over 72, the first time since 1996 the Open champion was over par in the final round, and it was no less impressive. More difficult than the rain was wind strong enough to break an umbrella. Lowry began making bogeys in the middle of the round without losing

ground. No one from the last 12 groups broke par. And no one got closer than three shots all day of Lowry, who finished at 15-under 269. Thousands of fans who filled these links off the North Atlantic began to celebrate when Lowry, after his fourth bogey in seven holes, rolled in an 8-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole to stretch his lead to six with three holes to play. Lowry's smile got wider with every hole coming in. When his approach to the 18th was just on the fringe, he stretched out his arms, hugging caddie Bo Martin. The loudest cheer of a raucous week was for a tap-in par that made Lowry a major champion. "He's done brilliantly," Lee Westwood said after grinding out a 73 to tie for fourth. "All the chasers would have wanted tough conditions and he's clearly played brilliantly to be on the score he has, under the pressure he's under." Tommy Fleetwood had to settle for his second runner-up finish in a major. He missed a 10-foot birdie putt on the opening hole that would have cut the deficit to two, and he missed a 5-footer for par on the third hole. His hopes ended with a double bogey from the bunker and the rough, and he closed with a 74. Tony Finau shot 71 to finish alone in third, though he was never closer than seven shots. Brooks Koepka, going for his fourth major in the last seven, began the final round seven shots behind and opened with four straight bogeys. He shot 74 and tied for fourth. Royal Portrush last hosted the British Open in 1951, the only time it had been outside Scotland and England. It pinned hopes at the start of the week on Rory McIlroy, who missed the cut by one shot. It celebrated Darren Clarke hitting the first tee shot Thursday. The other Ulstersman, Portrush native Graeme McDowell, basked in the loudest cheers he has heard this side of the Ryder Cup when he walked up the 18th

green on Sunday. And then along came Lowry, who teamed with McIlroy to bring Irish golf a European Amateur title in 2007, and who won the Irish Open as an amateur 10 years ago. He joins Padraig Harrington as Irishmen to win majors, while McIlroy, McDowell, Clarke and Fred Daly are major champions from Northern Ireland. "Everyone knows we're all one country when it comes to golf," Lowry said. It was one big group hug when it ended, starting with his wife and daughter, and his parents. Harrington and McDowell were among those waiting behind the 18th green to share in the celebration, along with Koepka and his caddie, Ricky Elliott, once a promising amateur who grew up at Royal Portrush. "I didn't feel great out there. It was probably the most uncomfortable I've ever felt on a golf course," Lowry said. "You're out there trying to win an Open in your home country, and it's just incredibly difficult." It showed early when Lowry pulled his tee shot into the rough, hit into a deep bunker well short of the green and had to make an 8-foot putt just to escape with bogey. The wind was picking up and it was relentless for so much of the day. Lowry made his move on the more forgiving start, with three birdies in a four-hole stretch through the par-5 seventh that boosted his lead to six. Everyone except Fleetwood fell back. J.B. Holmes, who shared the 36-hole lead with Lowry until falling back Saturday, really went the wrong direction. He hit his first tee shot out-of-bounds. And it only got worse. He made one birdie and shot 87. Lowry's lead was four shots when he saved par from a bunker left of the par-3 13th. Even on his bogey at the next hole, he added to his lead when Fleetwood hit a poor shot from the fairway bunker into the rough, couldn't get to the green and three-putted for a double bogey. □

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# Li Na sets new mark: first Asian-born player in Tennis Hall

By KEN POWTAK

Associated Press

**NEWPORT, R.I. (AP)** — Li Na has broken new ground at the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

The 37-year-old former Chinese star on Saturday became the first Asian-born player to be inducted.

She was enshrined along with Mary Pierce of France and Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov during a lengthy on-court ceremony that followed the Hall of Fame Open semifinals and stretched from sunset into nighttime, forcing grounds' crew members to scramble and bring in smaller spotlights.

Li became the first Asian to win a Grand Slam tournament, capturing the 2011 French Open in a final that was watched by an estimated 116 million people in her country.

"I did not (know) before I came to the court or it

would have made me more nervous," she said during a mid-afternoon news conference.

"I started @ about 8 years old, but I hated tennis," she told the crowd that was sitting in near darkness. "Not bad, at least I'm standing here right now."

She also captured the 2014 Australian Open after being runner-up twice.

Both semifinal matches Saturday went three sets, prompting the late ceremony for the trio of two-time Grand Slam singles champions.

"The goal is only as worth as the effect required to achieve it," said Pierce, fighting back tears at the start of her 29-minute speech.

The 45-year-old Kafelnikov was described on his plaque as "one of the most dominant Russian Players of his generation." He captured the 1996 French

Open and three years later won the Australian.

"I know now what it is to be a Hall of Famer," he told the crowd. "I will carry that responsibility for the rest of my life, and hopefully I won't disappoint you."

Predominately a baseline player who reached No. 1 in the world in 2002, he won a gold medal at the 2000 Olympics and helped Russia win the Davis Cup in 2002.

"It means that I did it because of hard work," he said. "All my success came because I did work hard." Walking into the Hall a day before his induction, Kafelnikov was taken back.

"I was really stunned when I was walking upstairs for the first time to see the museum," he said. "From the tennis records, to the cups, to medals from the Olympics. I cannot describe how emotional I was."

Pierce, 44, lived her dream



Tennis Hall of Fame inductee Li Na, of China, speaks to the crowd during ceremonies at the International Tennis Hall of Fame, Saturday, July 20, 2019, in Newport, R.I.

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by playing the French Open. She did more than that, winning it in 2000. She also captured the Australian five years earlier.

"It was my dream in tennis to hopefully play the French Open after watching it as a young girl on TV,"

she said. "Then to actually win it was my dream come true."

Pierce said she played her final match against Li at the 2006 U.S. Open.

"Look where we are today," she said, looking at Li, seated to her right. □

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Sun's rival, Mack Horton of Australia, ignored Sun on the medals podium. They didn't shake hands and Horton didn't even step onto the podium; instead he stood behind it when given his silver medal.

Titmus overcame a 0.62-second deficit going into the last lap and won by 1.21 seconds over Ledecy. The 18-year-old Aussie touched in 3 minutes, 58.76 seconds.

"I knew that I probably had that in me," Titmus said, "but, yeah, it's pretty surreal at the moment."

Ledecy finished in 3:59.97 — well off her world record of 3:56.46 set at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

"She ran me right down," the American said.

American Leah Smith took bronze in 4:01.29.

An admittedly nervous Ledecy had the slowest last lap of anyone in the eight-woman final. Titmus went 1.83 seconds faster over the last 50 meters.

"I made a move and then I came in at the last turn and felt like I could barely push off," Ledecy said. "My legs and arms just tightened up that last 50 and she took

advantage of that."

Titmus led through the first 200 meters — dipping under world-record pace on the first lap — before Ledecy moved in front with 250 meters to go.

The American was still ahead turning for home. But Titmus pulled even midway through the last lap and surged to the wall first, becoming the first Aussie to win since Tracey Wickham in 1978.

"There was no pressure for me," Titmus said. "Katie's a true champion and I'm just happy that my swim was great today, but I'm sure she'll be back to race me again next year."

In the men's 400 free, Sun worked his way from fifth to first and then easily kept Horton at bay over the last lap to surpass Aussie great Ian Thorpe's record of three straight wins.

"This is the greatest achievement in history for the Chinese team," Sun said through a translator. "Personally, it's a great start for myself and for the China team as well."

He touched first in 3:42.44. Horton took silver in 2:43.17, while Gabriele Detti of Italy earned bronze in 3:43.23.

Sun climbed on the lane rope and waved four fingers on each hand in celebration. He pounded the water and was the last swimmer to leave the pool. Sun got out and thrust his arms in the air to screams and cheers from Chinese fans, who hung banners featuring his face from the stands.

"I was so thankful for my fans," Sun said. "I am aware that I have fans and also the haters in the venue, but I was just very satisfied to win."

Sun won his other 400 free titles in 2013, 2015 and 2017.

His presence at the world meet has drawn the ire of some swimmers, including Horton and American Lilly King. The Aussie is the only swimmer to beat Sun in the last eight years, taking gold in the 400 free at the Rio Olympics in 2016. That's when Horton called Sun a "drug cheat" for his three-month doping suspension in 2014.

Asked what his overriding emotion was, Horton replied: "Frustration. I think you know in what respect." Olympic breaststroke champion King was critical



China's Sun Yang reacts after winning the men's 400m freestyle final at the World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, Sunday, July 21, 2019.

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of FINA, the sport's world governing body, for allowing Sun to compete at worlds.

"That's really sketchy and pretty insane," she said Friday.

Sun said, "I am aware of the rumors that have been going around, but I try to just concentrate on my swimming and I will keep trying to put a lot of effort in my swimming."

On the medals podium, Sun and Detti joined together on the top spot for photos but Horton didn't join them.

"I don't think I need to say

anything," Horton said. "His actions and how it has been handled speaks louder than anything I could say." Sun said he was aware Horton has a problem with him.

"Disrespecting me was OK, but disrespecting China was unfortunate," Sun said. "I feel sorry about that."

Sun is currently facing alleged doping rule violations that risk a ban from the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and he has requested a public trial at the Court of Arbitration for Sport in September to defend himself. □



## Pinot strikes again in Pyrenees, Alaphilippe stalls

By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN and JOHN LEICESTER**  
AP Sports Writer

**FOIX, France (AP)** — When one French rider starts to fade, another comes to the fore. One way or the other, France may still be on course for its first Tour de France winner since 1985.

Dancing over his saddle, his mouth wide open and gasping for air, Thibaut Pinot launched a ferocious attack Sunday and profited from the first signs of weakness in the high mountains from French race leader Julian Alaphilippe to edge closer to the yellow jersey in the overall standings.

Ascending the last uphill finish in the Pyrenees with a display of power and fluidity that signaled that he'll also be a major contender to win the Tour, Pinot gained time on all his rivals for the second consecutive day following his triumph at the famed Tourmalet mountain in the previous stage.

Heading to the second and final rest day Monday ahead of what promises to be a climactic final week in the Alps, the race is exquisitely poised. Six riders are all within 2 minutes, 14 seconds of each other at the top of the standings.

The six terrible ascents above 2,000 meters (6,500 feet) in the Alps, peppered

over three mountain stages, will likely decide who will stand on top of the podium on the Champs-Élysées next Sunday.

"The high mountains have only just begun," said Alaphilippe. "The Alps are going to be a big mouthful." Surging from the mist and rain, Pinot crossed the finish line of Sunday's Stage 15 in second place, 33 seconds behind Simon Yates, who posted a second stage win after a long solo raid, three days after his first stage victory in the southwestern mountain range.

The 29-year-old Pinot was irresistible when he made his move seven kilometers from the summit. Only Emanuel Buchmann and defending champion Geraint Thomas' teammate Egan Bernal could follow. But Pinot accelerated again about 2 kilometers later to drop them for good. Pinot moved to fourth place overall, 1 minute, 50 seconds behind Alaphilippe.

"The weather conditions and the stage were good for me, I had good sensations, I needed to make the most of it," said Pinot. "I need to keep going up in the general classification, the most difficult stages are looming." While Pinot was escorted by his faithful Groupama-FDJ teammate David Gaudu in the final

ascent toward Prat d'Albis, Alaphilippe was isolated without a single teammate to help him in the 12-kilometer climb and cracked, yet managed to salvage his yellow jersey.

Alaphilippe was so exhausted after his effort up the hill, where he grimaced through the rain, that he had to grip a roadside barrier afterward while he caught his breath.

"If I crack I hope he'll carry the torch for the French," Alaphilippe said about Pinot.

Thomas, who had already conceded time to Pinot at the Tourmalet, remained second in the general classification. He got dropped when Pinot took the lead from a reduced group of contenders but did not panic. He rode at his pace until he accelerated with 1.5 kilometers left to cut the overall gap on Alaphilippe from 2 minutes, 2 seconds to 1:35. Steven Kruijswijk of the Netherlands stood third overall, 1:47 off the pace.

Thomas said after the stage he could have tried to follow Pinot earlier but instead opted for a conservative approach because he did not want to bring back Alaphilippe to the front. Bernal was with Pinot and the Welshman would not take the risk of chasing down their common rival. □



This Sept. 16, 2013, file photo shows the ESPN logo prior to an NFL football game between the Cincinnati Bengals and the Pittsburgh Steelers, in Cincinnati.

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## ESPN reasserts political talk policy after attack on Trump

**NEW YORK (AP)** — ESPN is making sure that its employees know there is not change in the network's policy to avoid talking about politics unless it intersects with sports after radio talk show host Dan Le Batard criticized President Donald Trump and his recent racist comments and ESPN itself on the air this week.

The reminder went out Friday to all employees, including Le Batard, according to an ESPN employee who spoke on condition of anonymity Saturday because the person was not authorized to speak publicly about personnel matters. ESPN has not spoken publicly about Le Batard's comments, including whether he faces any disciplinary action.

Reached on Saturday, Le Batard also declined comment.

For ESPN, the episode raises comparisons to what happened following anti-Trump tweets by its former anchor Jemele Hill nearly two years ago. Following that case, and criticism among some conservatives about left-leaning remarks on ESPN's air, network president Jimmy Pitaro decreed that its employees should avoid political talk unless they're reporting on issues raised by sports figures.

Le Batard spoke in the wake of the president's rally in North Carolina,

where Trump renewed his attacks on four Democratic congresswomen of color, prompting a chant from his audience of "send her back" directed at U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, of Minnesota. The ESPN host said he found the attacks on Omar to be un-American and deeply offensive, and that it was wrong of Trump to seek re-election by dividing people.

"We here at ESPN don't have the stomach for the fight," Le Batard said. "We don't talk about what is happening unless there is some sort of weak, cowardly sports angle that we can run it through."

Le Batard's criticism of ESPN's policy sets him apart from Hill, who in September 2017 tweeted on her personal account that Trump was a "white supremacist" and "bigot." The White House called that a fireable offense, but Hill apologized and the network accepted it.

She was suspended a month later for violating the network's social media policy when she tweeted in favor of an advertiser boycott against the Dallas Cowboys, whose owner Jerry Jones had said players who disrespected the American flag would not play on his team.

Hill has said she regretted putting her bosses in a difficult position, and amicably left ESPN within a year. □

# Manny Pacquiao beats Keith Thurman by split decision

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — From his first-round knockdown punches to his tenacious 12th-round finish, Manny Pacquiao gave yet another one-sided thrashing to Father Time.

Keith Thurman was a whole lot tougher to beat, but the 40-year-old Filipino senator managed to win that vote as well.

Pacquiao floored Thurman early and persevered late to an exciting split-decision victory Saturday night, adding a third straight win to his late-career resurgence.

Pacquiao (62-7-2) dropped his previously unbeaten opponent with a combination late in the first round, and the Pac-Man dominated the opening rounds with a combination of flair and power that recalled the incredible prime of the only eight-division champion in boxing history.

Thurman (29-1) showed remarkable tenacity in rallying through the middle rounds, repeatedly testing Pacquiao's chin with big shots. Neither fighter managed another knockdown, but they pushed relentlessly in front of a sellout crowd at the MGM Grand Garden that repeatedly chanted Pacquiao's name from the moment he reached the ring.

"It was fun," Pacquiao said. "My opponent is a good fighter and boxer. He was strong. ... I think he did his best, and I did my best. I think we made the fans happy tonight because it was a good fight."

Two judges scored the bout 115-112 for Pacquiao, while Glenn Feldman scored it 114-113 for Thurman. The Associated Press also scored it 115-112 for Pacquiao.

"I knew it was close," Thurman said. "He had the momentum because he got the knockdown in Round 1. ... I wish I had a little bit more output to go toe to toe. My conditioning, my output was just behind Manny Pacquiao's tonight. Tonight was a blessing and a lesson."

Pacquiao appeared to be declining as recently as two years ago, when he lost a



**Manny Pacquiao, center, reacts as referee Kenny Bayless holds up his hand signaling his victory over Keith Thurman in a welterweight title fight Saturday, July 20, 2019, in Las Vegas. Pacquiao won by split decision.**

listless decision to Jeff Horn. But while his political career flourished, Pacquiao also revived his ring career with solid back-to-back victories over Lucas Matthisse and Adrien Broner.

Thurman represented another major step up in competition, but Pacquiao's strong start quieted any speculation that he would suddenly look old in a matchup with an elite welterweight champion.

Thurman's effort was impressive on paper: He landed slightly more punches than the famously active Pacquiao, and his 192 power punches landed were the most by any Pacquiao opponent in his 43 fights that were tracked by CompuBox. But Pacquiao had a dominant jab, and he outworked Thurman in the 12th round, throwing 56 punches to win the round on two judges' cards.

Both fighters started quickly with a series of good-looking exchanges, but Pacquiao changed the bout in an instant. He moved forward to land a left to the

body and a right hook that sent Thurman to the canvas with 25 seconds left in the first round. Thurman got up comfortably while the ecstatic crowd roared, but Pacquiao kept up his superior work for the next two rounds, repeatedly rocking Thurman with a variety of shots. Even when Thurman put together a solid fifth round, he was stunned several times in the final minute and left with blood on his face.

But Thurman gathered himself and soundly beat Pacquiao through the middle rounds, forcing Pacquiao to show off his durable chin. Pacquiao reversed the momentum in the 10th with a series of big shots, including a punch to the body that sent Thurman stumbling away in obvious pain.

Both fighters pushed to the final bell and embraced. Pacquiao won the final round on two judges' cards, while Feldman's 12th-round score for Thurman kept Pacquiao from winning by unanimous decision.

After graciously congrat-

ulating Pacquiao, Thurman called for a rematch. The pro-Pacquiao Vegas crowd vocally approved. Nearly 25 years after a 16-year-old Pacquiao stepped onto the scales for his pro debut with rocks in his pockets just to make the 105-pound minimum weight, this middle-aged politician showed he could have several years left in a day job that paid him a guaranteed \$10 million on Saturday night.

Thurman had been eager to retire Pacquiao, but he even couldn't hurt the ageless wonder.

Thurman has held a version of the WBA 147-pound title for six years, but he had fought just once since March 2017, when he edged Danny Garcia to earn two welterweight belts. He sat out the next 22 months with injuries, and he looked rusty and tentative at times in his comeback victory over Josesito Lopez last January.

But Thurman embraced his guaranteed \$2.5 million payday and the chance

to take on an active legend. He also pumped up the promotion with a series of bold statements about Pacquiao's age, ability and motivation. Thurman even managed to irk the normally placid Pacquiao, who acknowledged that even his mother hadn't liked Thurman's trash talk.

Before the bout, Floyd Mayweather got into the ring to wish both fighters good luck. The retired superstar watched intently from the crowd in the same arena where he beat an injured Pacquiao four years ago. Pacquiao's trainer, Freddie Roach, has said he hopes Mayweather will come out of retirement for a rematch with Pacquiao.

On the undercard, Cuban welterweight Yordenis Ugás battered previously unbeaten Omar Figueroa Jr. for a decision victory featuring three identical 119-107 scorecards. Caleb Plant also defended his IBF super middleweight title with a dominant third-round stoppage of previously unbeaten Mike Lee. □

# Instagram expands hiding 'likes' to make you happier

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY**  
AP Technology Writer  
**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Instagram is expanding a test to hide how many "likes" people's posts receive as it tries to combat criticism that such counts hurt mental health and make people feel bad when comparing themselves to others. The Facebook-owned photo-sharing service has been running the test in Canada since May. Now, Facebook said the test has been expanded to Ireland, Italy, Japan, Australia, Brazil and New Zealand.



This July 10, 2019, photo shows an Associated Press reporter holding a phone showing the Instagram app icon in San Francisco.

Associated Press

Facebook typically tests new Facebook and Instagram features in smaller markets before bringing them to the U.S., if it ever does. The company would not comment on what it's

learned from the Canada test or if it has plans to expand it to the U.S. any time soon.

One group that may be affected is Instagram "influencers," the major, minor

or micro celebrities who use social media to market products and otherwise influence their hordes of followers.

After all, if you post a photo and no one likes it, did you

really post it?

People can still see how many people liked their own photos, but won't see counts for other people's posts. Rather, they could tap to see a list of all the accounts that liked the other posts, but would have to count the total manually. It's a task few people would bother with. Likewise, though Instagram isn't hiding the number of followers on an account, it still requires an extra tap or two to find that.

"It makes it hard to find who the influencers are," said Ryan Hilton, a 27-year old Canadian who works in social media and has been part of the no-likes test for months. "It's hard to know who to follow because everyone looks the same."

Hilton, who has a personal account as well as one for his dog, the latter with more than 3,200 followers, added that he understands why Instagram is doing this. Hilton said his younger sister, who is in high school, is "obsessed" with likes.

"It's mostly for the younger generation, people in high school and stuff," he said. "There is a lot of pressure. If someone has 1,000 likes and someone has two likes, that probably makes them feel not very nice."

While Hilton said the change will probably slow down the influencer world a little bit, he pointed out that a lot of young influencers now are using live videos, not static photos, to build their following. Here, likes are still visible. □



In this June 13, 2019, photo released by Xinhua News Agency, guests, from left, Yi Huiman, chairman of China Securities Regulatory Commission, Liu He, vice premier, Li Qiang, top party official of Shanghai, and Ying Yong, Shanghai's mayor, celebrate the launch of the SSE STAR Market, previously referred to as the Shanghai science and technology innovation board in Shanghai.

Associated Press

# China launches STAR, tech stock market to boost industry

By **JOE McDONALD**  
AP Business Writer  
**BEIJING (AP)** — Trading starts Monday on a Chinese stock market for high-tech companies that play a key role in official development plans that are straining relations with Washington.

Regulators have approved 25 companies in information technology and other fields seen by communist leaders as a path to prosperity and global influence

for the Shanghai Stock Exchange's STAR Market.

The market, modeled on the U.S.-based NASDAQ, reflects the ruling Communist Party's desire to channel private capital into its development plans. It gives small Chinese investors a chance to buy into tech industries that until now have turned to Wall Street to sell shares.

The STAR Market has no direct link to Beijing's tariff war with President Donald Trump over U.S. complaints China steals or pressures companies to hand over technology. But it will raise money for industries some American officials see as a competitive threat to U.S. technology leadership.

"The new board's important role is to provide a fundraising channel for China's scientific and technologic innovation," said economist Lu Zhengwei at Industrial Bank in Shanghai.

China's stock exchanges in Shanghai and the southern city of Shenzhen were set up in the early 1990s to raise money for state industry. They have expanded to include private enterprises but still are dominated by

government-owned companies such as PetroChina Ltd. and China Mobile Ltd. Companies such as e-commerce giants Alibaba and JD.com and search operator Baidu.com have raised billions of dollars on Wall Street. But foreign stock sales are inconvenient and expensive for smaller companies.

The STAR Market has more lenient standards for profitability and price volatility than the main exchanges. The Shenzhen Stock Exchange launched its own second board, dubbed ChiNext, in 2009 for small, faster-growing companies. Companies that have yet to make a profit can trade on the Shanghai tech board if they spend at least 15% of revenue on research and development or have drugs or other technologies in advanced development. By contrast, the main board requires at least two years of profits before a company can join, a condition that has limited access for fledgling ventures. A state-owned maker of railway controls accounts for the bulk of the market's share value. □

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# Car payment trouble? How to turn it around

By SEAN PYLES

NerdWallet

Associated Press

Your monthly car payment is not only a ticket to freedom, letting you enjoy summer road trips, but also a lifeline that gets the kids to school and you to work.

But if it consumes too much of your budget, your ticket to ride could turn into a ticket to financial trouble. More than 7 million Americans were "seriously delinquent," or over 90 days late, on their car payment at the end of 2018, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. And 2.4% of loans transitioned into serious delinquency in the final quarter of 2018, up from 1.5% in 2012.

If you're struggling with a car payment, dig into your budget and options. Then, take action.

## UNDERSTAND YOUR CAR BUDGET

"The first thing someone struggling with a car payment should do is reevaluate where their money is going," says Chicago financial coach Shanna Due.

Car expenses go beyond your monthly loan payment. The total cost of ownership includes insurance,



In this May 19, 2019, file photo a line of unsold 2019 sedans sits at a Hyundai dealership in Littleton, Colo.

gas and regular maintenance. In general, aim to spend less than 10% of your take-home pay on your car loan and less than 15% to 20% of it on overall costs.

Total up what you've paid on all car-related costs over the past three months to get a clearer picture of your total ownership costs.

Next, try to trim your auto expenses. Get insurance

quotes to see if you can find similar coverage for less, and take on small repairs or maintenance tasks yourself.

If needed, expand your cost-cutting to the rest of your budget.

"Once they've reevaluated where they are (with

their car budget), can they modify the rest of their expenses to make their car costs fit in," Due says. "If not, begin to look at an exit plan."

## DIAGNOSE THE PROBLEM

Use what you learn about your car budget to understand your payment trou-

ble: Was it a one-time blip or the sign of an unaffordable loan? You have a few remedies to get back on track if you've just missed a payment or are a few months behind. Act fast to limit damage to your credit and to avoid repossession.

It was a short-term issue:

— You just overlooked the bill: Pay what's needed to bring your account current as soon as you can. See if you can automate future payments to avoid mistakes.

— You were temporarily short of cash: Maybe a job loss or a big expense made your loan unaffordable in the short term. If so, you can ask your lender for forbearance, where it suspends payments for a few months and lengthens your loan by a corresponding time. You'll pay more in interest over the life of the loan but get temporary relief while you catch up.

It's a long-term problem: If you simply can't afford your car and need to make big changes to your monthly auto expenses, first determine if you have equity. □

Associated Press

## Report: Equifax to pay \$700 million in breach settlement

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The Wall Street Journal says Equifax will pay around \$700 million to settle with the Federal Trade Commission over a 2017 data breach that exposed Social Security numbers and other private information of nearly 150 million people.

The Journal, citing unnamed sources familiar with the matter, said the settlement could be announced as soon as Monday. Equifax declined to comment.

The report says the deal would resolve investigations by the FTC, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and most state at-

torneys general. It would also resolve a nationwide consumer class-action lawsuit. Spokesmen for the FTC and the CFPB didn't immediately return messages seeking comment Friday night. The breach was one of the largest affecting people's private information. Atlanta-based Equifax did not notice the attack for more than six weeks. The compromised data included Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses, driver license numbers and credit card numbers. The company said earlier this year that it had set aside around \$700 million to cover anticipated settlements and fines. □

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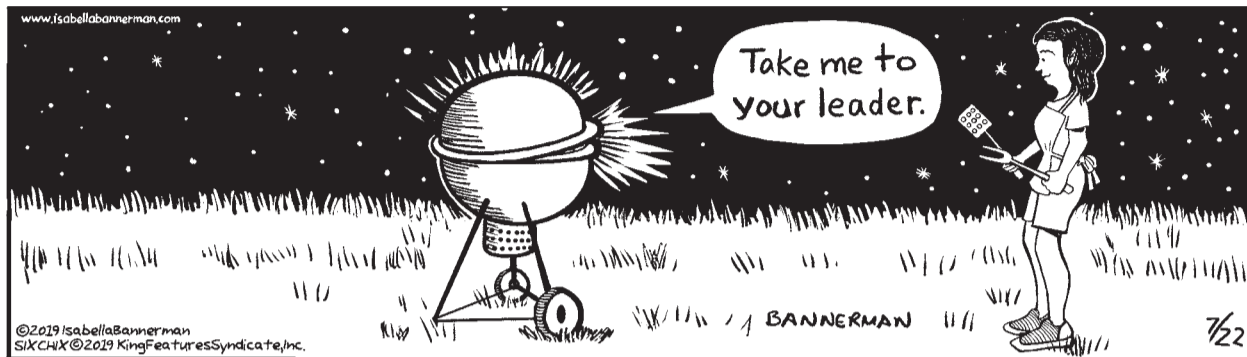
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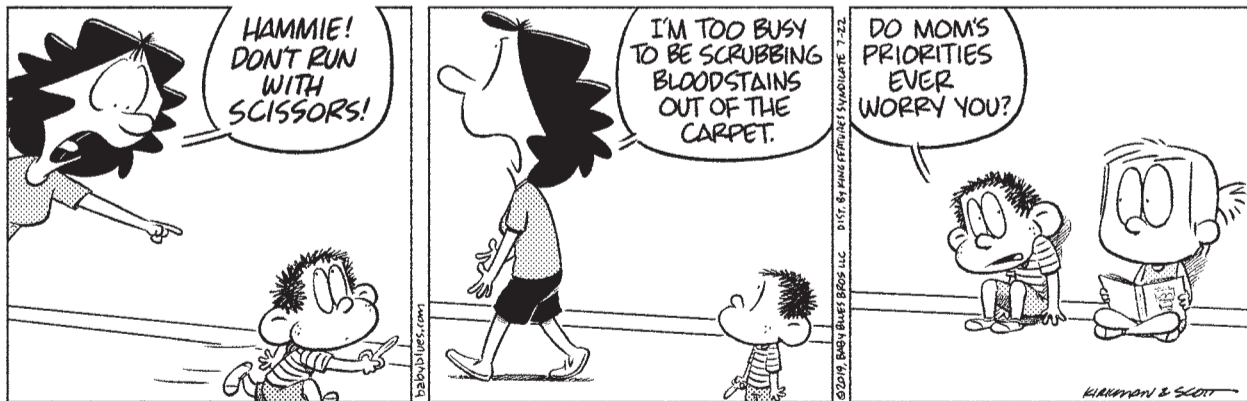
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

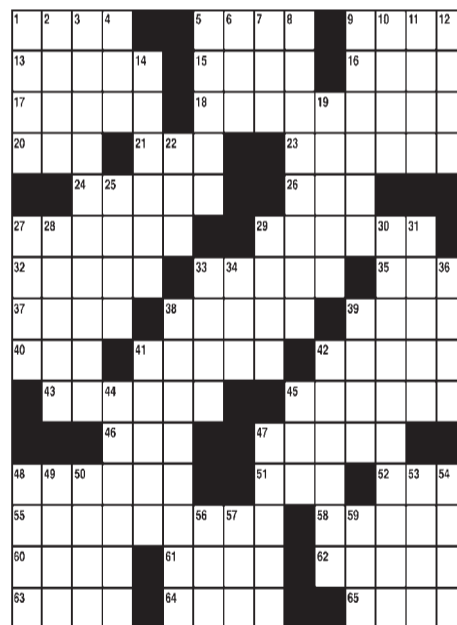
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Very dry
- 5 Popular pets
- 9 Pig's dinner
- 13 Mexican mister
- 15 Rat...-tat
- 16 Candy ...
- 17 " ... people of the United States..." (Constitution opening)
- 18 Emergency vehicle
- 20 Inventor Whitney
- 21 Roof material
- 23 Grocery store
- 24 Signifies
- 26 Telly network
- 27 Bits of unimportant info
- 29 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 32 Add lanes to
- 33 Huckster's line
- 35 Blushing
- 37 Dumb-ox connector
- 38 Piles
- 39 Sandwich shop
- 40 ... fire to; ignite
- 41 Neck/ace pieces
- 42 Long-barreled firearm
- 43 Outcome
- 45 Canoodle
- 46 Joint nearest the waist
- 47 External
- 48 Torah, for one
- 51 Teacher's favorite
- 52 Kind of tide
- 55 Actress Colbert
- 58 Old Ford
- 60 Meghan, to Prince George
- 61 Ugly Duckling, in reality
- 62 Van Dyke & Van Patten
- 63 Trawling equipment
- 64 Family members
- 65 Red edible

**DOWN**

- 1 Even ... speak; right now
- 2 Rod and ...; fishing gear
- 3 Frighten
- 4 Homer Simpson's remark
- 5 James and Scott
- 6 Banking tech.
- 7 Filing aid
- 8 Trips over something
- 9 Limited
- 10 Too thin
- 11 As soon as
- 12 Amanda of "2012"
- 14 Keep
- 19 Can wrapper
- 22 "Time ... Bottle"; Jim Croce song
- 25 Like 2, 4 and 6
- 27 " ... the night before Christmas..."
- 28 Choir platform
- 29 Uses a straw
- 30 Choice
- 31 Hollers
- 33 Fanny
- 34 Launch site
- 36 Passes away



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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**Saturday's Puzzle Solved**

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- 38 Vulnerable
- 39 Urgent
- 41 Construct
- 42 ... on; told the misdeeds of
- 44 Bellows
- 45 Signal to an actor
- 47 ... up; speaks candidly
- 48 Skim
- 49 Whodunit element
- 50 Speak wildly
- 53 Twelve-speed
- 54 "Father Knows ..."
- 56 Deuce
- 57 Hosiery hue
- 59 Cut of meat



# What consumers can do as regulators weigh compounds' risks



In this June 17, 2019 photo in Washington, a label states that these pans do not contain PFAS.

Associated Press

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — At first, Tomas Monarrez didn't notice the labels when he went shopping for pots and pans.

'Completely toxin free!' said a big green message on a line of nonstick frying pans in the cookware aisle at a store in the nation's capital. "No PFOA!" boasted the label on a 12-piece kitchen set. "Will never release any toxic fumes," another label promised.

"Oh, wow," Monarrez, an economist at a think tank, said, when asked if he had ever heard of the toxic chemicals that manufacturers were declaring their products free of.

"I didn't know anything. Should I buy these?" Monarrez asked. "So all these are bad?"

Federal regulators are sort-

ing out how to handle health risks from a group of widely used nonstick and stain-resistant compounds. But even reading labels may not be enough to guide consumers who want to limit their exposure to the manmade industrial material, known as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS.

Scientists say there are many steps people can take to minimize their contact with the compounds, which federal toxicologists say show links to health problems.

Some changes are simple, such as checking on the safety of your drinking water or buying different pots and pans. Others require spending and lifestyle changes — for example, passing up fast food or other takeout because the containers the food may

be packaged in.

For those concerned about exposure, there's one critical thing to know about PFAS compounds: "They're everywhere," Linda Birnbaum, head of the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences, told a recent gathering of her agency's advisory council. "The carpets and the chairs and maybe the clothes you're wearing," Birnbaum said. She noted she used to love the ritual of spraying Scotchgard on newly bought tablecloths. No more, she made clear.

There are thousands of different versions of the compounds, including PFOA and another early version, both now phased out of production in the U.S. PFAS are used in products including nonstick cookware, but also in stain- and steam-resistant bags for microwave popcorn and many other food containers and packaging, shaving cream, dental floss, stain protection for fabrics and rugs and outdoor garb — for starters.

Federal studies of people heavily exposed to the compounds have found links between high blood levels of older kinds of PFAS and a range of health

problems, including liver issues, low birth weights, and testicular and kidney cancer. High levels also have been found in many drinking water systems. Military installations that use PFAS-laden firefighting foam and businesses that work with PFAS are two big sources of water contamination.

It's probably impossible to avoid all exposures, says Leonardo Trasande, a children's environmental health specialist and vice chair for research at New York University's pediatrics department, and a PFAS expert.

But there are "safe and simple steps to limit exposure based on what we know," Trasande says.

Trasande himself recommends two precautions. One is shunning nonstick cookware in favor of cast iron or stainless steel, Trasande said. That's despite statements from industry and manufacturers that newer forms of PFAS in nonstick cookware are safe.

The other is eschewing food packaging as much as possible. In practice, that can require changing habits — cutting your consumption of takeout and

packaged food, and committing to cooking more at home, from scratch.

"Literature does suggest that diet is a major route of exposure," Trasande noted. People also can contact their local water utility to find out if their water system is one of those testing with higher levels of PFAS, Environmental Protection Agency spokeswoman Andrea Drinkard said.

Eating certified organic food can guard against PFAS exposure from fields treated with treated human sewage sludge because federal rules prohibit use of the sludge on organically raised crops and livestock, environmental groups say.

Older forms of the compounds are known to build up in people's bodies for years. And the chemical bonds holding PFAS compounds together are among the toughest going, so they are expected to take thousands of years to degrade.

There's no across the board consensus on whether newer versions of the thousands of kinds of PFAS are safe. Industry says they are and that there's no reason to swear off all nonstick cookware and PFAS-treated food packaging.

"Consumers should have confidence in the safety of products manufactured with today's PFAS because they have been reviewed by regulators globally and found to meet relevant standards that are protective of health and the environment," Jessica Bowman, executive director of the FluoroCouncil industry trade group, said in an email.

"Studies show that the newer PFAS do not present significant health concerns — they're not carcinogenic and not endocrine disruptors." Several nonindustry researchers dispute that, and the Food and Drug Administration noted last month studies showing that that newer forms of the nonstick, grease- and water-repelling compounds may also be a health concern. □

# Artists struggle to save Haiti museum after 2010 earthquake

By DÁNICA COTO

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

(AP) — Franck Louissaint sighed and frowned as he stepped onto his patio and flung aside shower curtains protecting a painting by a former voodoo priest who became a renowned Haitian artist.

The painting from the 1960s once depicted a seemingly joyous voodoo spirit known as a loa, but it warped into something that looked like a three-dimensional satellite image of mountains after it was damaged by rubble and waterlogged when a 2010 earthquake hit the museum where it was displayed.

"It's like the skin of a crocodile!" exclaimed Louissaint, an artist who expects seven more months of work to fully restore the painting by Robert Saint-Brice.

It is one of dozens of well-known paintings that artists are still trying to rescue nearly a decade after the magnitude 7.0 quake killed an estimated 300,000 people or more and struck countless buildings, including the Museum of Haitian Art of St. Pierre College — one of the country's top institutions. More than 600 other watercolors and paintings by prominent artists are still in storage and in danger of decaying as a small group of artists struggles to restore the damaged works.

While life has begun anew for much of Haiti since the quake, the museum has been shuttered for nine years and only recently opened a tiny room to display a small quantity of art. On a recent day, 91-year-old museum president Louis Du Bois walked briskly through the building, pointing out the damaged roof and walls as he occasionally put on his glasses to inspect certain paintings.

"We have to reopen to the public," he said. "All the great artists are here."

The quake also devastated other public spaces dedicated to art across Haiti, with \$30 million in losses reported at the Museum d'Art Nader, which had one of

the world's most extensive collections of Haitian art.

But the Museum of Haitian Art is one of the few worldwide to host Haitian paintings from the 20th century. The museum, which previously drew 9,000 visitors a year, was established in the 1970s by art lovers to commemorate U.S. painter DeWitt Peters and is tucked into the southeast corner of Port-au-Prince's historic area. It features mostly donated artwork.

Fewer than a dozen paintings are currently on display, including one titled "Marriage of Interest" by Rigaud Benoit, who is considered a master of Haitian painting, and "Tower of Babel" by Prêfête Duffaut, whose work was collected by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. Both men also painted murals inside a cathedral in Port-au-Prince that was flattened by the earthquake.

The museum's oldest painting dates to 1945 and is by seminal Haitian artist Hector Hyppolite.

The Smithsonian Institution has helped the museum restore some paintings, as has the Louvre, which also donated 1,000 copies of a catalog illustrating all of Hyppolite's paintings so local officials could sell them to help generate money.

But the museum still has blank, white walls, with hundreds of works stacked in a narrow storage area exposed to heat, humidity and other dangers. They are taken out only for the occasional cleaning while the more than 30 earthquake-damaged works are being restored.

Among those needing attention is a 1960s lush jungle scene by Jean-Claude Toussaint, which is nearly ripped in half and also slashed diagonally. The painting remains rolled up with yellowed masking tape that has lost its stickiness.

Du Bois estimates that the museum needs \$50,000 to reopen, noting the roof must be fixed and the electricity repaired before additional paintings can be displayed. □

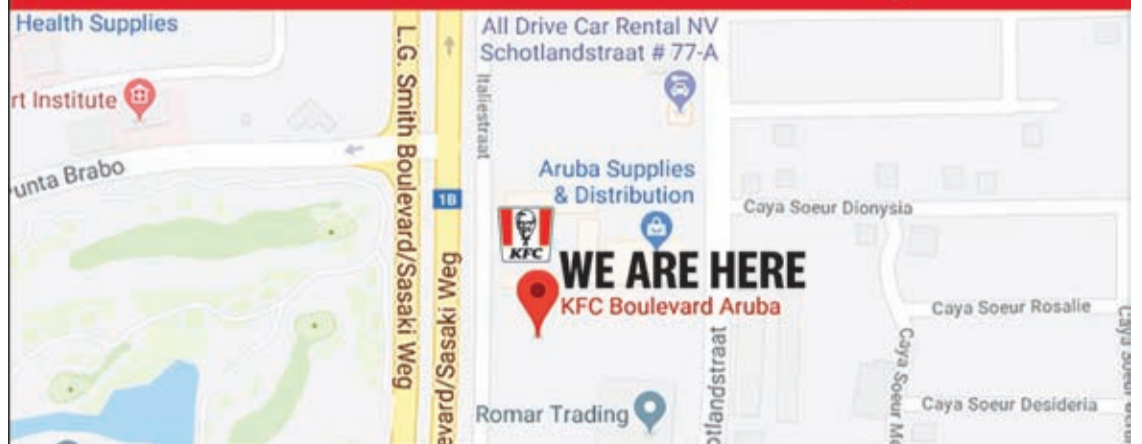


In this June 28, 2019 photo, Haitian artist Ernst Jeudy works on the restoration of a painting by Haitian artist Edouard Duval Carrie, at the Musée d'Art du Collège Saint Pierre, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Associated Press



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# 'The Lion King' rules and 'Endgame' scores all-time record

By LINDSEY BAHR  
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — If there was any doubt that the 2019 box office belonged to the Walt Disney Co., this weekend put an end to it. Not only did its photorealistic remake of "The Lion King" devour opening weekend records for the month of July and PG-rated films, but "Avengers: Endgame" also crept past "Avatar" to become the highest-grossing

film of all time. "The Lion King" this weekend roared into 4,725 North American theaters, where it grossed a stunning \$185 million, according to studio estimates on Sunday. Although reviews were mixed for Jon Favreau's remake of the 1994 animated film, audiences still turned out in droves to hear the A-list voice cast, from Beyoncé to Donald Glover, and see the innovative technology



Hawkeye/Clint Barton (Jeremy Renner) in a scene from Marvel Studios' Avengers: Endgame. he global box office has a new king in "Avengers: Endgame."

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PH MON-THU 5:50 | 8:30  
FRI 5:50 | 8:30 | 11:10  
SAT 3:10 | 5:50 | 8:30 | 11:10  
SUN 3:10 | 5:50 | 8:30

YTP MON-THU 5:00 | 7:40  
FRI 5:00 | 7:40 | 10:20  
SAT 2:20 | 5:00 | 7:40 | 10:20  
SUN 2:20 | 5:00 | 7:40

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FRI-SAT 2:10 | 4:45 | 7:20 | 10:00

PBP MON-SUN 1:15 | 3:50 | 6:25 | 9:00

SPANISH MON-THU & SUN 2:50 | 5:25 | 8:00  
FRI-SAT 2:50 | 5:25 | 8:00 | 10:35

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ANTONIO BANDERAS | PENÉLOPE CRUZ  
BEST ACTOR ANTONIO BANDERAS

SPANISH PBP MON-SUN 1:50 | 4:20 | 6:50 | 9:20

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TORREI HART | OMAR GOODING

PH MON-THU 4:45 | 7:05 | 9:25  
FRI 4:45 | 7:05 | 9:25 | 11:45  
SAT 2:25 | 4:45 | 7:05 | 9:25 | 11:45  
SUN 2:25 | 4:45 | 7:05 | 9:25

**SPIDER-MAN: Far From Home**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG-13]  
TOM HOLLAND | SAMUEL L. JACKSON

PH MON-FRI 5:50 | 8:40  
SAT-SUN 3:00 | 5:50 | 8:40

PBP MON-THU & SUN 2:00 | 4:45 | 7:30  
FRI-SAT 2:00 | 4:45 | 7:30 | 10:15

YTP MON-SUN 12:55 | 3:40 | 6:25 | 9:10

**STUBER**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [R]  
DAVE BAUTISTA | KUMAIL NANJIANI

PH MON-THU 5:05 | 7:15 | 9:25  
FRI 5:05 | 7:15 | 9:25 | 11:35  
SAT 2:55 | 5:05 | 7:15 | 9:25 | 11:35  
SUN 2:55 | 5:05 | 7:15 | 9:25

**CRAWL**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [R]  
KAYA SCODELARIO | BARRY PEPPER

PBP MON-THU & SUN 1:05 | 3:10 | 5:15 | 7:20 | 9:25  
FRI-SAT 1:05 | 3:10 | 5:15 | 7:20 | 9:25 | 11:30

**ANNABELLE COMES HOME**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [R]  
VERA FARMIGA | PATRICK WILSON

PH MON-SUN 7:05 | 9:35

**PETS 2**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG]  
PATTON OSWALT | KEVIN HART

PH MON-FRI 5:00  
SAT-SUN 2:55 | 5:00

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that made the film possible. "We've had a spectacular run this weekend," said Cathleen Taff, Disney's president of distribution. "We really did know we had something special with ("The Lion King") given its popularity with fans of all ages." Industry experts had pegged "The Lion King" for a \$150 million opening, which turned out to be far too modest a projection. Instead, with \$185 million, Disney got a few records to boast about: It's the

ninth-biggest opening of all time, a July record (unseating "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2") and a PG-rating record (taking over from "The Incredibles 2"). It's the second time this year a beloved Disney brand has overwhelmed a tepid critical response. "Aladdin," which is still in the top 10 after nine weeks in theaters, has made \$989 million globally. "Certain brands have so much goodwill and equity," said Paul Dergarabedian,

senior media analyst for Comscore. "Reviews clearly didn't matter at all." And, having opened in China a week early, "The Lion King" has amassed over \$531 million in just 10 days. Audiences also embraced large format and 3D for the event film: 36% of that total came from 3D showings and \$25.2 million from IMAX. This is just the latest in a long string of wins for Disney, which now holds five of the top six spots for the year. □

## Star trio from 'Knots Landing' keep each other in stitches



"Knots Landing" co-stars Donna Mills, from left, Michele Lee and Joan Van Ark pose for a portrait during the Jose Iturbi Foundation's reception preceding a concert celebrating conductor Gustavo Dudamel's 10th anniversary with LA Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl on Thursday, July 18, 2019, in Los Angeles.

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By MIKE CIDONI LENNOX  
Associated Press  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nearly 40 years after first forging

their friendship while working together on the nighttime soap "Knot's Landing," actresses Joan Van Ark,

Michele Lee and Donna Mills are now more than just friends — they're a sister act. At one point in their interview Thursday night with The Associated Press, the three broke into song: Irving Berlin's campy "Sisters" from the holiday-film classic "White Christmas." "The truth is that we are, in fact, sisters," said Van Ark, who portrayed the sweet but frequently frantic Valene on "Knots," which aired on CBS from 1979-93. "And when we're together," Van Ark continued, "It's so goofy and fun. When we have our three-way conversations, which might be just the three of us, we are truly joined soul-to-soul, heart-to-heart." □



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## As Pam Grier celebrates 70, she finds peace off the grid

By JOHN CARUCCI  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Pam Grier's role as the owner of a hardware store in rural Nebraska in the ABC sitcom "Bless This Mess" isn't a complete departure for the film legend: She lives in rural Colorado and has spent much of her life on ranches to find serenity from Hollywood life.

"I commuted to work really for 50 years because I couldn't have that lifestyle that I wanted of horses and ruralness. It would always be the city, hotels, room service," said Grier in a recent interview.

"My grandfather was the first feminist in my life, from Wyoming, who taught all of us girls how to hunt, fish and shoot, so I could bring that to this show, every element and it just kind of fit," Grier said. "He had this glow this piece and this unbelievable calm about him during the day after work-

ing sun up, sundown doing some labor. And he just was so spiritual and enjoyed life and he would always say you know if you wake up breathing you're going to have a good day. And so that's been my mantra since I was a little girl."

She credits that mantra for helping her thrive in her 70th year in a life filled with plenty of highs and lows. Grier made her name as the queen of Blaxploitation films in the 1970s with roles in classics like "Coffy" and "Foxy Brown," but struggled in Hollywood after the genre fell out fashion. She also had tumultuous romances with the likes of Richard Pryor and Freddie Prinze.

The second season of "Bless This Mess" launches in September.

Grier also was the victim of two sexual assaults — one when she was just 6 years old. She opened up about her personal struggles in

her 2010 memoir, "Foxy: My Life in Three Acts," and while promoting the book, learned a lot about the wide range of people who have been victims of sexual assault, including men: "I was surprised at the book signings how many men came up and just let me know that they feel better by me talking."

Grier said she's gratified that many more of her fellow actresses are talking about their experiences with abuse in Hollywood in the era of #MeToo and Time's Up. She marvels in the impact the movement has had in a relatively short period of time.

"I always say it's about time. It takes confidence. It takes other people around you to set an example that you won't inflame or flame out you - you'll be OK. And it is tough to talk about it," she said. "A lot of people haven't healed yet."

Grier has also successfully



This May 21, 2019 photo shows actress Pam Grier posing in New York to promote her ABC sitcom "Bless This Mess."

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battled cancer. While she's still a glamour queen and sex symbol, her experience with the disease has made her eschew at least one of society's beauty norms.

"I'm so proud of my hair growing back on my legs after cancer that I don't

shave. I don't shave my legs. I enjoy looking at you know two and half inches of hair and my legs," she said. "I'm very grateful to have a healthy balance. ... Oh, and I don't feel any different than I did when I was 21!" □

# Cambodian genocide documented in victims' preserved clothes

By SOPHENG CHEANG and GRANT PECK, Associated Press

**PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)** — As a leader in the field of textile conservation, Julia Brennan has worked to preserve many glamorous and historic articles of clothing, from a kimono presented to Babe Ruth, to singer James Brown's jumpsuit, to a British aristocrat's coronation gown.

Her profession, however, has also brought her into contact with humanity's darkest moments, including genocides in Rwanda and Cambodia.

Brennan recently began a project at the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum in Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh, where the Khmer Rouge in the late 1970s tortured as many as 17,000 men, women and children before killing them. The museum's macabre artifacts include torture devices and displays of skulls.

The most haunting display comprises photo portraits that were kept as part of the meticulous record-keeping ordered by Tuol Sleng's Khmer Rouge commander, who in 2012 was sentenced to life in prison for crimes against humanity, murder and torture.

But only a small amount of victims' clothing is displayed; most was stowed away in nooks and crannies, untouched since the museum was established in 1980. Museum director Chhay Visoth felt it was urgent to register and preserve these holdings, and he sought Brennan's help in



In this Feb. 5, 2018, photo, leading textile conservationist Julia Brennan holds a scarf from a victim of the former Khmer Rouge as she inspects artifacts at the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

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2014.

The 59-year-old Brennan was born to American parents in Indonesia, where her father was on a Jesuit scholarship teaching at universities and doing research. She was raised in northern Thailand, where her father worked for the U.S. government, and when he later worked on a European Union arms control project in Cambodia, Brennan became acquainted with that country's culture. Brennan was keenly interested in the Tuol Sleng project, and the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh eventually gave a \$55,000 grant to support it.

She then began her work to jump-start the preservation of 3,000-5,000 articles of prisoners' clothing and train Cambodian staff to

care for them.

Brennan worked on a similar project for the past two years in Rwanda, where long-standing rivalries between two tribes led to the killings of an estimated 800,000 people in 1994. She helped to preserve clothing at the Nyamata church, where more than 10,000 people were slaughtered as they sought shelter from marauding mobs. The church is now a memorial site, with the clothing an integral part of its exhibition. The power of clothing in documenting genocide is widely recognized by experts. The collection at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum in Poland includes 390 striped inmates' uniforms and 246 Jewish prayer shawls, according to Pawel Sawicki, a press officer for the memorial.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., holds a variety of items of clothing as well. One of the most striking exhibits is of 4,000 shoes from some of the victims of the Majdanek concentration camp in Poland.

"The exhibit very simply shows the magnitude of Nazi murder while simultaneously allowing the viewer to individualize the horror," Jane Klinger, the Holocaust museum's chief conservator, said in an email.

to identify it for inventory, "then just to surface clean carefully with a vacuum or a soft brush, and then the dirt can be saved as part of the record and some of the surface soiling will be loosened."

Treatment doesn't end there. In tropical places like Cambodia, there's a lot of mildew and mold as well as live insects to deal with. To try to protect the material for the long term, it is put into "micro climates" in which the relative humidity can be reduced. Brennan said she developed this system during her work in Rwanda, putting the items in dry storage boxes with desiccants, pellets normally used in the agriculture industry.

Kho Chenda, a 28-year-old staff member at Tuol Sleng, has taken Brennan's preservation lessons to heart. She said what she's learned is vital because of the museum's mission to teach the horrific legacy of the Khmer Rouge.

"If that clothing gets too old and worn out, then the evidence it offers will be gone, and when you talk to the younger generation, they will not believe you," she said.

Kong Kuntheary, another of Brennan's students, echoed the sentiment.

"This clothing is really important evidence, so we have to preserve it to make sure that even in 100 or 200 years, it will not have disappeared," said the 52-year-old employee of the National Museum in Phnom Penh. □



In this April 9, 2015, file photo, tourists view portraits of victims executed by the Khmer Rouge regime at the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

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In this Feb. 5, 2018, photo, a tourist views piles of clothing from the victims executed by the Khmer Rouge regime at the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

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